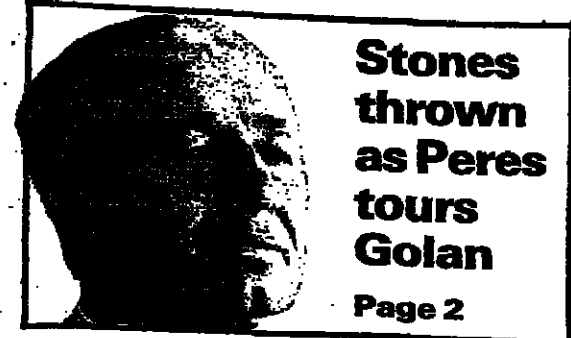


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Coalition crisis cools as ministers free cash for firms

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

In a major reversal of economic policy, the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday decided to let private and Histadrut-owned firms raise \$450 million in the capital market, at the expense of government revenue from bonds and, particularly, short-term bonds.

The decision is expected to have major economic repercussions, for, if implemented, it will boost domestic demand, force the Bank of Israel to cut interest rates and push the government to print money.

The ministerial panel approved the move unanimously, 12 hours after Labour Party ministers had decided to freeze their demands for a Ministerial Committee on Economic Growth headed by Prime Minister Peres. The two decisions are seen as major steps toward resolving the crisis between the Likud and the Alignment.

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday welcomed the committee's decision, saying it was a step toward the economic growth Peres is demanding.

Committee members and other government officials said after the measure had been approved that they did not know how it would be implemented.

The committee decided not to permit all the money to be raised immediately.

To enable the private firms to raise capital, the government will approve bond issues, offering yields set by each firm.

Government officials said yesterday that the Ministerial Economic Committee had opened the door to sizeable money printing. "The government will be unable to meet its borrowing requirements, and will therefore have to print money, they said.

The officials said the state budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year, which starts on April 1, had already taken into account relinquishing \$150m, which it planned to allow private firms to raise to compensate them for the stoppage of development loans. But the officials admitted they had no clear idea where the rest of the money would come from.

But the officials noted that the committee had decided that the issuing of permits to raise money would also be conditional on factors such as the level of government spending and monetary injections, and on conditions in the capital market.

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Labour may renew demands when dust settles in Herut

By SARAH HONIG and ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporters

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party has offered the Likud a compromise whereby chairmanship of the proposed and controversial ministerial committee to oversee economic growth would rotate between Prime Minister Peres and Deputy Premier Shamir, reliable Likud sources have told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Labour ministers decided on Monday night to temporarily shelve their demand that Peres take command of planning and implementing economic growth. But they are likely to renew the demand after the Herut convention next month.

In the meantime, Likud sources have told *The Post* that Labour has suggested a compromise to "get them down from the tall tree they'd climbed." But the sources said that the offer was not fully clear and, as they understood it, "it does not seem acceptable."

The Likud has strenuously opposed the committee's establishment, charging that it would usurp the finance minister's authority. The deciding vote on the committee as proposed by Labour would be the prime minister's, in his capacity as chairman.

The Likud sources said they were not certain how the rotation proposal would be implemented.

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Missing soldiers 'in Beirut'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

The two Israeli soldiers captured 10 days ago in South Lebanon have reportedly been taken to Beirut, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The IDF last week sent thousands of troops into South Lebanon to search for the two, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alshikh, but called off the operation on Saturday.

Until now, the IDF had hoped that the abducted men were still in South Lebanon. But by last night it seemed likely that they had been taken to Beirut.

The two were captured in an ambush while on a patrol with South Lebanese Army troops in the security zone.

The Moslem extremist Hizbullah organization later said it had killed one of the men.

The blood and bullets discovered in the abducted men's vehicles has already caused the IDF great concern for the men's welfare.

Shultz urges 'careful' Histadrut wage policy

By ROY ISACOWITZ

The Histadrut must follow a "careful" wage policy over the next year so as to not weaken Israel's competitiveness in world markets, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz told Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday in a personal message.

In a message delivered by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Shultz also advised the Histadrut to focus on demands for a policy of economic growth and the reduction of unemployment.

This is believed to be the first time that a senior member of a U.S. administration has offered such specific advice to an Israeli labour leader on the eve of crucial wage negotiations in the public and private sectors.

Northern moshav members return ID cards in protest

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
ZARIT. — Members of this northern border moshav yesterday returned their identity cards to the Interior Ministry and their guns to the IDF on the third day of a strike meant to pressure the government to give them financial help and additional bomb shelters.

The residents say suppliers are no longer willing to provide them with chicken feed, as they have been in debt for several months.

Strikers marched around the moshav security fence, kept their children from school, and welded shut the gate of the settlement. They told IDF officers the strike would continue until the government acts.

Several Katyusha rockets have landed in the area recently. South Lebanese Army men yesterday found two rocket launchers in the security zone aimed at northern Galilee.

Rival Palestinian leaders meet in Prague to 'boost cohesion'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of rival Palestinian groups met recently in Prague in a first attempt to "restore cohesion" between the PLO and the Rejectionist Front organizations, Monte Carlo radio reported yesterday.

The rift between the groups began in June 1983 with fighting inside Fatah in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley between Abu Moussa and Yasser Arafat's supporters.

Tensions came to a head at the Palestine National Council in Amman in November 1984, where the groups opposed to Arafat's leadership established the National Salvation Front. Those groups, which make up the Rejectionist



Corazon Aquino (above) is sworn in as president of the Philippines by Associate Chief Justice Claudio Teehankee in an unofficial ceremony at a country club yesterday. Below, Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda sing "Because of You" on a balcony of the presidential palace following his inaugural ceremony. A few hours later, the couple was forced to flee the palace. (AFP telephotos)



Marcos finally throws in the towel

Rejoicing in Philippines as Aquino is sworn in

MANILA. — Brought down by a "people's power" uprising, a military revolt and U.S. pressure, Ferdinand Marcos resigned as president of the Philippines yesterday, slipping away in the night and setting off an explosion of joyous celebration among his countrymen.

"Cory! Cory!" Filipinos chanted in tribute to the new President Corazon Aquino as they demonstrated across the capital.

Ailing, under mounting domestic and diplomatic pressure and deserted by his military leaders and political cronies, Marcos at last threw in the towel, leaving his country's destiny in the hands of a political tyro, the widow of opposition leader Benigno Aquino whose assassination three years ago ultimately led to his downfall.

First official word of the resignation came from Washington, where **BULLETIN — 1 a.m.**

Marcos has left the Philippines for exile, a White House spokesman said after midnight last night.

"I can confirm that Marcos has left the country and is flying to Guam," he said.

Secretary of State George Shultz said Marcos "would be welcome to come to the United States." Shultz also announced that the U.S. had officially recognized the new Aquino government.

Marcos and his family flew in four

U.S. hails Marcos ouster

The U.S. led the world yesterday in welcoming the ouster of its former friend and ally, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, and hailed Corazon Aquino, the woman who vanquished and replaced him.

President Reagan telephoned congratulations to Aquino, a spokesman for her said in Manila, as Secretary of State George Shultz announced in Washington that the U.S. had recognized Aquino as the country's new president.

West European leaders were also quick to express their satisfaction.

By contrast, there was virtual silence from Communist nations. The Soviet news agency Tass carried a one-paragraph item on Marcos's downfall. Earlier, Tass had accused the U.S. of issuing "bawled orders and threats" in suggesting that Marcos should resign because of the allegations of election fraud.

The U.S. Defence Department denied knowledge of any direct U.S. interference in the Philippines, but informed sources said they had been told by Pentagon officials that all but one Philippine general had been persuaded by Washington to keep his troops off the streets as the Marcos-Aquino confrontation escalated.

They said that depriving Marcos of his ability to use his troops allowed mobilization of the rebels' "people's power."

This provided an atmosphere that enabled the rebels to garner defections from the armed forces and from the government, officials said.

The Pentagon has considerable influence over senior Philippine officers, many of whom undergo training in the U.S. Washington also provides about 10 per cent of the Philippine military budget.

In the final sleepless hours before he fled yesterday, Marcos desperately sought advice from President Reagan's closest ally in the U.S. Congress and was urged bluntly to quit.

Senator Paul Laxalt said he told the embattled leader in a telephone conversation: "I think you should cut and cut cleanly... I think the time has come."

"There was a long pause on the other end of the phone..." Laxalt told reporters. "I said: 'Mr. President, are you still there?' Marcos finally responded: 'I'm so very, very disappointed.'" (Reuters)

Israel recognizes new Manila regime

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel recognized Corazon Aquino's government late last night, and the Philippine charge d'affaires said the change in government would in no way affect "the very good relations" between Israel and Manila.

Belen Fule-Anota had early yesterday informed the Foreign Ministry that the embassy was switching its allegiance to Aquino. Her announcement came several hours before Ferdinand Marcos announced his resignation and fled the presidential palace.

Fule-Anota asked for an urgent meeting in the morning with ministry director-general David Kimche. Kimche was unavailable, but she drove to Jerusalem and met with the Asian Department director.

She said that after hearing that the Filipino acting foreign minister had switched allegiance to the Aquino camp, the embassy staff had met and decided to switch with him. The Philippines ambassador to Israel is currently on home leave.

Arab Electricity company urged to pay \$11 million debt

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday demanded that the Jerusalem District Electricity Company, based in East Jerusalem, pay its \$11-12 million debt to the Israel Electric Corporation "in the very near future." The demand was made during a meeting with Anwar Nusseibeh, chairman of the East Jerusalem company.

Shahal, Israeli sources said, also renewed his proposal that the two companies establish a joint management structure to raise the JDEC's standard and guarantee its debt. Nusseibeh accepted the proposal when it was first raised several months ago, but opposition from circles in East Jerusalem and in Jordan prevented implementation.

No decisions were taken at yesterday's meeting, which sources described as "constructive." Shahal's demand for early payment of the debt was not made as a threat, the sources said.

Shahal rejected Nusseibeh's request that the IEC reduce the price of the electricity it supplies to the JDEC, to increase the latter's profit margin. The IEC provides some 95 per cent of the electricity that the JDEC passes on to its clients.

Rabin meets leading West Bankers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Rabin yesterday met some 20 prominent West Bank residents to discuss politics and the population's day-to-day problems. But Rabin made no attempt to persuade the participants to help form an alternative leadership to the PLO, a move he urged in a television interview last week.

"It was a sort of social meeting," one of the Palestinian participants told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Participants included mayors, members of chambers of commerce, lawyers, doctors and teachers from the Nabulus, Tulkarm, Bethlehem and Hebron areas. All were described by an Israeli source as "pragmatic, moderate" people considered pro-Jordanian. Authorities declined to reveal the participants' identities, so as not to expose them to pressure from PLO supporters, but Israeli Radio late last night said they had included the mayors of Beit Jala and Beit Sahur, and pro-Jordanian figures such as Issam Anani and Muhammad Rashid al-Jabari, head of Hebron's education department. None had met Rabin before *The Post* was told.

Gorbachev lashes Brezhnev leadership, rejects Reagan arms control proposals

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday criticized the stewardship of the late Leonid Brezhnev and set out his plans for reform. At the same time he rejected President Reagan's latest arms control proposals and said the timing of the next summit would hinge on an "understanding" about banning nuclear tests and eliminating medium-range missiles in Europe.

The Kremlin chief made the points in a five-and-a-half hour address to the Soviet Union's governing elite at the 27th congress of the Soviet Communist Party, the first since he took office last March.

Gorbachev's attack on the U.S. concentrated on Reagan's response on Monday to a Soviet proposal for complete nuclear disarmament. It was his toughest since his meeting with Reagan in Geneva last November.

Gorbachev lashed out at the stagnation and corruption that had marked Brezhnev's rule. He charged that inertia and bureaucracy had "inflicted no small damage on our society and our cause." While he did not mention Brezhnev by name, the target was clear to the 5,000 delegates, leaders of Moscow's allies and foreign politicians in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses.

Gorbachev called for price reforms, cost accounting and more economic management of factories and farms. He said the farms and factories must learn to pay their own way without state subsidies. The state would encourage more private enterprise, such as family farming and private contracting to perform services such as car repair, and there would be no room for shoddy goods, he said.

Gorbachev discussed the new five-year plan and other economic guidelines geared to the end of the century. He said it was "high time" to end the "petty tutelage" by ministries over enterprises. He referred to the "defective process of income redistribution" whereby earnest workers and enterprises received little incentive while sloppy output went unpunished.

Alexander Yakovlev, head of the propaganda department, held a news conference last night to discuss Gorbachev's speech and appeared to confirm that the Soviet leadership did not want a second summit without a prior agreement on arms control.

"The world is expecting from these two countries, the United States and the Soviet Union, some-

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Gorbachev delivers his speech yesterday. (Reuters)

Last-minute hitch delays Ivan the Terrible's extradition

Demjanjuk not expected to arrive before tomorrow

By WOLF BLITZER, BARBARA AMOUYAL and DAVID HOROWITZ

A last-minute logistical hitch delayed last night's scheduled extradition from the U.S. of Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk. He will not now arrive in Israel before tomorrow afternoon.

Sources in Washington reported that Demjanjuk, who will face charges of murdering hundreds of thousands of Jews while a gas-chamber operator at Treblinka death camp, would not be on the El Al flight from New York due to land in Israel this afternoon.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead has signed the papers approving the extradition, following the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of Demjanjuk's appeal on Monday.

Demjanjuk is to be flown here from New York by El Al under U.S. Federal agents' guard, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said yesterday. American officials will hand him over to police at Ben-Gurion Airport from which he will be taken in an armoured-plated vehicle to the Ramle prison complex. There he is likely to be held in the cell once occupied by Adolf Eichmann.

Police have code-named the Demjanjuk security assignment "Justice." They believe they have an iron-clad network that will prevent attacks on the Nazi war criminal.

Demjanjuk may face his judges from the same bullet-proof glass dock used in the 1961 Eichmann trial. The Ghetto Fighters Museum at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot has said that it will make the glass booth available.

Nissim said yesterday that he had appointed a team last June to begin assembling testimony from hundreds of Holocaust survivors and from the archives of Yad Vashem. But bringing Demjanjuk to court could "take weeks, maybe months."

Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar must still appoint one of his colleagues to head the panel of three judges who will try Demjanjuk, and the venue for the trial has also not been determined. A prosecutor is expected to be named by the end of this week.

Six investigators are to interrogate Demjanjuk on material gathered over 10 years of study, police sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Heading the team will be Chief Superintendent Alex Ish-Shalom, of the national unit for serious crimes.

Demjanjuk, a 66-year-old retired diesel mechanic, faces the death penalty if convicted. Israel's October 1983 extradition request specified that between 1942 and 1943, Demjanjuk pushed thousands of Jews into the Treblinka gas chambers and then switched on the engine that pumped the gas. He is also said to have beaten and whipped prisoners while forcing them into the chambers, and to have killed Jewish camp workers with his bare hands.

Demjanjuk has denied the charges against him, saying he is a victim of mistaken identity and fraudulent evidence given by the Soviet KGB.

Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that Demjanjuk's trial was "important for the education of the young generations of our people and of other peoples. Humanity has to know that it is the call of destiny to bring all such criminals to trial."

Survivor Eliahu Rosenberg said yesterday: "All of them at Treblinka were terrible, but he was exceptional, a cruel, wild animal. His hobby was murder and torture."

Rosenberg said the memory of Demjanjuk, known to inmates as Ivan the Terrible, has never left him. "I dream of him, eat with him, see him, hear him, as well as all the others who were in Treblinka," said Rosenberg, who testified against Demjanjuk in the initial extradition trial in Ohio.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday that funding for the massive security project, likely to involve 2,000 police and Prisons Service personnel, would mainly come from the Police Ministry budget. But Bar-Lev added, the Treasury had promised to defray some of the costs.

Up to 20,000 of the 400,000 displaced persons who arrived in the U.S. after World War II were Nazi collaborators, or "much much worse," U.S. Justice Department officials estimate.

Alan Ryan, a former U.S. government prosecutor interviewed on a BBC News programme screened by Israel TV last night, insisted that the Justice Department continues to expose Nazi war criminals because "to do nothing now would condone barbarous acts."

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AMSTERDAM	-1	-5	3
BRUSSELS	-1	-5	3
BUEENOS AIRES	22	22	28
CHICAGO	-4	-10	2
COPENHAGEN	-1	-5	3
FRANKFURT	-1	-5	3
GENEVA	-1	-5	3
HONG KONG	14	9	19
JERUSALEM	12	5	19
LONDON	-1	-5	3
MONTREAL	-1	-5	3
NEW YORK	-1	-5	3
PARIS	-1	-5	3
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TOKYO	14	9	19
ZURICH	-1	-5	3

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	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max
Jerusalem	54	8-14
Golan	69	7-14
Safed	75	6-13
Haifa Port	59	14-19
Tiberias	74	14-19
Nazareth	65	9-17
Afula	57	7-20
Shomron	61	9-16
Tel Aviv	63	14-19
B-G Airport	61	10-19
Jericho	52	10-24
Gaza	73	12-19
Beer Sheva	56	10-19
Eilat	27	14-24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Tiberias Mayor Yigal Bibi will speak on his city's history at the weekly meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday received Her Excellency Senora Eugenia Cordova de Febres Cordero, wife of the president of Ecuador. Hillel also received General Hugo Banzer Suarez, President of the Bolivian Party for National Democratic Action.

Aura Herzog, wife of the president, held a luncheon in honour of Eugenia de Febres Cordero, wife of the president of Ecuador, at Beit Hanassi.

DEPARTURES

World Wizo Public Affairs Chairman Dr. Chana Elroy for Vienna, to attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Tsur to go ahead with visit to S. Africa

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter
Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur is to visit South Africa late next month despite opposition to his visit within the Labour Party. The object of the visit is to encourage the aliyah of South African Jews.

Tsur told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his meetings in South Africa would be strictly confined to the subject of aliyah. No meetings with South African government officials are planned.

Nurses sanction threat

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Several thousand nurses, in revolt against the Nurses' Union's willingness to negotiate with their employers, have threatened to take sanctions today against those hospitals in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas.

The nurses say they will work on a reduced manpower Sabbath schedule today at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, Sheba in Tel Hashomer and Rambam in Haifa. The partial strike is to begin at 7 a.m.

U.S. declares 'no back-sliding' on PLO

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday again sought to publicly ease Israel's concerns about a possible erosion of America's attitude to the PLO.

"We will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO so long as the PLO does not recognize Israel's right to exist and does not accept Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338," department spokesman Bernard Kalb said in a statement read to the press.

HOME NEWS

Violence as PM visits Golan

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
MAJID AL-SHAMIS. Druse youths tried to stone Prime Minister Peres's car during his visit here yesterday, and three policemen, including the commanding officer of the Galilee District, were injured in the ensuing demonstration.

Police last night were preparing to make mass arrests. Security men shot in the air to disperse several hundred Druse who had gathered near the local council building hours before Peres's scheduled visit.

They screamed, "The Golan belongs to Syria," and "Israel is Palestine," and burned an Israeli flag.

Dispersed half an hour before Peres was due to appear, they later crowded the main square as he arrived, producing placards declaring, "With our blood and souls we shall liberate the Golan," and letting fly with stones as the premier's car passed.

Peres entered the council building surrounded by police and security men, and heard Druse dignitaries tell him of their needs. Peres said that he would try to help them with their development plans, but added that "the Golan is part of the State of Israel, and Israel's laws must be enforced here."

Police Nitzav-Mishne Ya'acov Ganot was injured in the head by a flying stone.

Earlier on his tour, his first in the area as premier, Peres dismissed a question about the Syrians offering peace in return for the Golan. He said Syrian President Hafez Assad has not changed. He is a glutton for power. Syria's attitude to Israel is nothing but a strategic attempt to vanquish us step by step.

The premier visited several Golan settlements. He was accompanied by Agriculture Minister Arye Nebamkin, OC Northern Command Aluf (Maj.-Gen.) Uri Orr, and his office's director-general, Avraham Tamir.

Soviet Jewry activists protest at Rakah HQ

By MOSHE KOHN and JOEL REBIBO
Jerusalem Post Reporters
Scores of Soviet Jewry activists last night completed a 24-hour vigil and fast outside the Rakah (Communist) Party headquarters in Jerusalem, as a group in Tel Aviv began a 35-hour hunger strike on behalf of Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel.

The protests were timed to coincide with the opening of the Soviet Communist Party's 27th Congress yesterday in Moscow. An International Student Solidarity Week for Soviet Jews is being held in numerous countries through the world.

The Jerusalem vigil included participants from the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre (SJEIC), the World Union of Jewish Students, the North American Jewish Student Network, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (Israel Centre) and the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

They began the vigil on Monday evening in response to a cable from aliyah activists in the Soviet Union, who said they were launching a hunger strike to coincide with the congress.

The SJEIC has received the copy of a cable sent to the Moscow congress by 16 Jewish mothers of some 35 children asking: "Allow us to live and to bring up our children in the State of Israel."

It also has a copy of a letter to the Congress from about 150 Jews in eight Soviet cities asking for four things: the immediate release of all Prisoners of Zion; exit permits to Israel for those refuseniks who have never worked in security-sensitive areas or for whom it has been more than five years since they did such work; legislation on the immigration process, so that it is no longer left to the whims of bureaucrats; and a repatriation agreement with Israel (such as the Soviet Union has signed with other countries, even before establishing diplomatic ties with them).

As the Rakah offices were closed, copies of the cable and the letter from the refuseniks were delivered to the law office of party member Felicia Langer yesterday morning. A secretary promised that they would reach Rakah headquarters.

The Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee has called a request to the delegations of the French, Italian and Dutch Communist Parties to the Moscow congress that they raise the Jewish question at the congress.

Rabin sees Syria as only real threat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday said that Syria is the only country in the region that could become embroiled in a war with Israel in the foreseeable future.

Speaking to the Congress of Jewish Veterans in Jerusalem, Rabin said that Syria, after its post-1982 rearmament, now had more tanks than Britain and France combined. He added that a coalition of Syrian, Iraqi and Jordanian armies would field more tanks than all of Nato combined, including American forces based in Europe.

Rabin said he did not believe Syria would go to war alone against Israel, but added that Syrian logic might not be the same as Israeli logic.

More driving examiners arrested in Jerusalem

Five driving examiners and a secretary were arrested last night on suspicion of bribery and falsifying documents in a third round of arrests in the Jerusalem licensing office scandal.

Those arrested last night included an examiner who had earlier been released on bail.

Urquhart: Palestinians 'missed the bus'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Brian Urquhart, who recently retired as chief Middle East troubleshooter for the UN, says the Palestinians and their Arab supporters missed a great opportunity by rejecting the Camp David framework for peace.

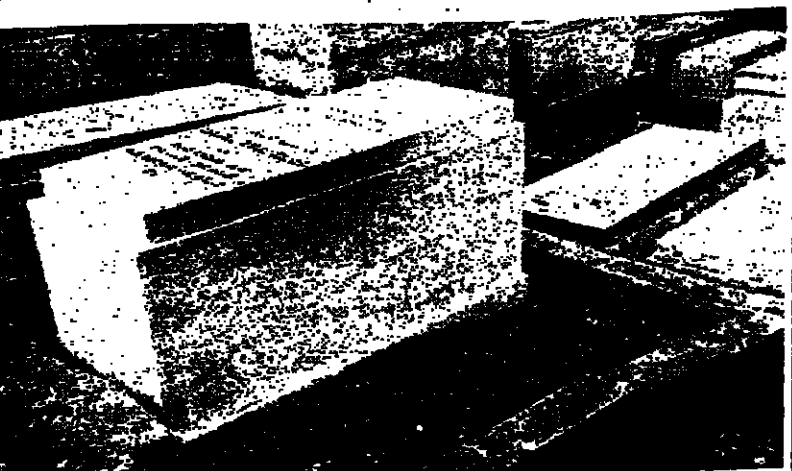
"The history of the Middle East is the history of missed buses," Urquhart said in an interview.

The British diplomat conceded that he himself had undergone a change of heart on the 1978 U.S.-brokered peace accord between Israel and Egypt, particularly with regard to envisioned talks leading to autonomy for the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza strip.

"In retrospect, it seems a pity that the Palestinians and the Arabs weren't prepared to try out the autonomy talks, which are beginning to look as if they would have been a great deal better than anything they're likely to get now," Urquhart said, speaking soon after the collapse of talks towards a joint peace approach by Jordan and the PLO.

Initially, Urquhart said of the proposed autonomy idea, "I didn't think it was the right way to go." But, he now views it as a "great missed opportunity."

In the autonomy framework proposed by then president Jimmy Carter, Jordan would have been invited to join the negotiations, and approved Palestinians could have participated as members of either the Jordanian or Egyptian delegations.



Rabbi Morton Berman's Mount of Olives grave, surrounded by a wall erected by unidentified extremists. (Eli Sharir, IPPA)

Reform rabbi's 'unclean grave' walled off

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Unidentified extremists this week erected a wall around the Mount of Olives grave of Rabbi Morton Berman, noted Reform rabbi and leading American Zionist, "to separate the unclean grave" from the others.

The low cement block wall was built following the appearance of posters in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter objecting to Berman's burial at the site.

Berman, a leading Zionist who spent his last years in Israel, died a month ago.

Members of Berman's family discovered the wall when they visited the cemetery yesterday morning, prior to yesterday afternoon's unveiling of the tombstone. Following a complaint to the Hevra Kadisha (burial society), the wall was demolished before the ceremony.

MK slams military censor

By Post Knesset Staff
The military censor's interpretation of "state security" restricts the public's right to know and is an affront to the principles of the freedom of information and publication, Shinui MK Mordechai Virshupski wrote yesterday to Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Abba Eban.

Virshupski asked Eban to hold a discussion in his committee on what he called the censor's "sweeping interpretation" of his powers.

Virshupski's letter was prompted by the censoring of an item in a book about Ariel Sharon. *He does Not Stop at Red Lights*, by journalist Uzi Benziman.

Benziman wrote that in 1964, Sharon, then an IDF officer, had asked his aides to determine the number of vehicles which would be required to deport all Galilee Arabs across the border. The censor banned this.

Virshupski noted that Defence Minister Rabin had told the Knesset on Monday that the only criterion guiding the censor is "state security."

Boycott ends

The unofficial Knesset boycott of Meir Kahane ended yesterday when numerous Likud members and one Alignment member sat through his speech moving no-confidence in the government for its failure to end encounters between Jewish and non-Jewish pupils.

On previous occasions when Kahane has presented no-confidence motions, all parties, with the occasional exception of Shas and Morasha, have observed an informal agreement to stay out of the chamber until the vote. Sara Doron (Likud) did once appear, but only to move that Kahane's motion be rejected.

Yesterday the Alignment's Amnon Linn both listened to Kahane's speech and spoke in reply. Kahane's was the second no-confidence motion yesterday. Matiyahu Peled (Progressive List for Peace) based his on "the continued Israeli intervention in Lebanon."

'Change detention rules'

The practice of holding suspects for 48 hours before they are ordered remanded into custody by a magistrate must be revised, Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday.

Karp said suspects should be detained only when essential and when an investigation would be otherwise impossible.

Summer time warning

Alignment MK Micha Harish said yesterday that he would appeal to the High Court of Justice if Interior Minister Peretz refused to permit the introduction of summer time this year.

Harish, in a statement to parliamentary reporters, said that Peretz's ambivalence on the issue suggested that he might prevent summer time for religious reasons.

GORBACHEV

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Afghanistan is represented at the congress by a delegation led by Babak Karmal, head of the Afghan government.

In addition, Gorbachev praised the development of relations between Moscow and Peking and said he saw scope for enormous new advances.

The Kremlin chief also proposed two major new international conferences on security and the world economy and issued an appeal to western Communists to work with Moscow.

To loud applause from delegates, Gorbachev said there had already been significant improvement in Sino-Soviet ties following more than two decades of hostility.

China did not send a delegation to the congress because there are no formal relations between the Chinese and Soviet Communist parties. (Reuter, AP)

U.S. estimates on Lavi 'too high'

Israeli defence officials' criticisms of Pentagon assessments of the Lavi fighter's cost were reported yesterday by the American *Aviation Week*ly.

Israeli officials say the estimates of an American team, led by Dov S. Zakheim, defence assistant secretary for Policy and Resources, were at least \$5 million per aircraft too high.

The report was presented to Israel two weeks ago.

The magazine cited three significant errors discerned by Israeli officials.

• The U.S. calculations were based on a loaded labour rate, including overheads, ranging from \$45 to \$49 per hour. Israeli Aircraft Industries' labour costs are \$24 per hour, the IAI said, which already accounts for a \$24m. difference per aircraft.

• The U.S. overstated the cost of the Pratt & Whitney 1120 engine by \$1.5m. Israeli engineers assume the Pratt & Whitney engine to be similar enough to the F100's engines, with which Israel has experience, to allow speeding up of production and savings.

• U.S. estimates of the cost of materials to be purchased were over \$2m. per aircraft too high.

IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS

'Full scale rebellion ahead'

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, former IDF governor of the West Bank and coordinator of activities in the administered territories, believes that the territories are heading for "a rebellion or mass civil disobedience. The process has begun and within three or five years we'll have a full-scale revolt on our hands."

He said that Israel and the territories have reached a historic crossroads. "We're standing right on it and we've got to do something, and something drastic. A change of direction. The next 19 years cannot, will not be like the last 19 years."

The Yahad Party MK enumerates the factors that, he believes, make this moment pivotal. "A whole generation has grown up in the territories which was born into the Palestinian entity, which has known nothing of Jordan, which knows Israel and Israelis only through the truce. They're a generation whose existential reality has been life under military occupation," he says.

This generation is now responsible for the attacks on Israelis, attacks that are largely "spontaneous and unlinked to any terrorist organization." A full 62 per cent of attacks in the territories today are of this spontaneous variety, says Ben-Eliezer. "They are an expression of this generation's frustrations."

And it is this frustration, he predicts, that will lead to full-scale rebellion or disobedience.

At the same time, Ben-Eliezer says, the geo-politics of the region have changed: Syria has completed a major re-armament. Egypt is sunk in the economic doldrums. Most important, Jordan has broken off its dialogue with the PLO and has appealed to the inhabitants of the territories,

saying, "No one (meaning the PLO) represents you." Moreover, he adds, the constancy of American support for Israel is in no way assured.

The problem of the territories "can no longer be avoided," says Ben-Eliezer. "It must be solved now."

He dismisses solutions based on a Palestinian state ("they will try to destroy us"), annexation by Israel ("it will destroy the Jewish state") and territorial compromise ("no one will buy it").

Ben-Eliezer, who came from Iraq, alone, when he was 13, grew up in Kibbutz Merhaviva. He speaks with gusto, peppering his sentences with four-letter words for emphasis.

The solution, says Ben-Eliezer, lies in Israeli imposition of autonomy on the inhabitants of the territories — possibly leading to an Israeli-Jordanian "condominium."

"The inhabitants of the areas are now ready to be raped, to be forced to accept an autonomy arrangement. They won't welcome the idea, not openly. They still say the PLO is their representative. But the majority in the West Bank is weary of the occupation. They want to breathe a little, to enjoy some fresh air. They now prefer a settlement without the PLO to a PLO without a settlement. I know them; I was there for six years. Israel must demonstrate that it is determined to impose autonomy. If they understand this, then Jordan and the PLO will rush in to carve out spheres of power in the arrangement."

He says, disarmingly: "I could now give you a two-hour lecture about why the plan is bad. But the main thing," he says with verve, "is to take a decision, to start implementation. The exact details can be worked out later. We must exploit the moment."

Demand for settlements

KEDUMIM (Iim). — The government must carry out the coalition agreement providing for the establishment of six new settlements in the territories, the Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District demanded last night.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of my dear wife, our mother, grandmother and aunt

HAYA GREENBLATT

there will be a graveside memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone in Nahariya Cemetery at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, 1986 (Adar A 21, 5745). Transportation will be available from the home of the deceased, 52 Weizmann, Nahariya, at 3.30 p.m.

The Family

With sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear mother and grandmother

JESSIE LEVY

(formerly of Port Elizabeth, South Africa)
Lee Levy, Ramat Gan
Channah, Rafi, Rof, Nadav and Ayelet
Kibbutz Nirim

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, February 26, 1986, at 4.30 p.m., at Kibbutz Nirim.

סוכן מן האל

Demjanjuk - 'World must be reminded'

Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk, is soon to be put on trial in Israel, accused of murderous crimes at the Treblinka death camp. *Post* reporters David Horovitz, Bernard Josephs and Benny Morris canvassed public figures on the wisdom of bringing Demjanjuk to Israel. Some of the reactions:

Gideon Hausner, prosecutor at the trial of Adolf Eichmann: The tendency to repudiate the Holocaust by denying that it ever existed makes it important to hold the trial and ensure that the Nazis' atrocities are brought to light. We must record every single piece of evidence. The world must be told about it all, and it must remember, so that such a tragedy never happens again.

The Demjanjuk trial cannot be like the Eichmann trial. The crimes which Demjanjuk committed are of a quite different nature. Still, he should get the severest penalty provided by the law for bringing Nazi criminals to justice. All decent human beings should be able to feel secure that they are not breathing the same contaminated air as is breathed by Nazi war criminals.

Yeshayahu Liebowitz, philosopher and veteran intellectual gadfly: The government of Israel is bringing Demjanjuk to trial to make the public forget about the problems facing the country today.

Naftali Lavi, Holocaust survivor, head of the UJA in Israel: All through the years since October 21, 1942, when my father and brother were gassed to death, the evidence has been gathering that Demjanjuk was one of the main parties responsible. I have been waiting for the moment when he would be brought to justice. I won't have the satisfaction of covering the trial, as I did the Eichmann trial for *Ha'aretz*, but I

will be watching how justice is meted out to such a beast.

I want the Jewish people to appreciate the privilege of bringing to justice those who murdered Jews. **Shmuel Tamir**, former justice minister: It's most important to bring this Nazi to trial - and the consequences of trial - in Israel. The more trials of this kind there are, the better. I would prefer a non-Israeli to defend Demjanjuk, so that we can provide additional proof of the integrity of our legal system. Israel has sinned gravely in not pressing for the extradition of Nazis from America and Europe for nearly 30 years.

'I would have preferred that he had died of cholera'

Isser Harel, who as Mossad chief led the hunt for Adolf Eichmann: I am very glad that this cruel, bestial man is being brought to trial. It should have happened sooner. There are plenty of others like Demjanjuk, living in the U.S. and the rest of the world. We must go on hunting them down.

Attalah Mansour, Nazareth author and journalist: If this man is a Nazi war criminal, of course he must go to jail. If he really murdered thousands of Jews, then this must not be hidden. The world must be told. I'm not

saying that burning Demjanjuk or throwing him into the sea will bring back all those people, but his trial will serve to remind the world, and especially in these days of Meir Kahane and his Kach Party, to remind people in Israel, too, of what happened.

Binjamin Anolik, director of Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot's museum, established by World War II partisan fighters and ghetto survivors: I am simply very pleased that this Nazi war criminal, who murdered thousands of Jews, is finally being brought to justice.

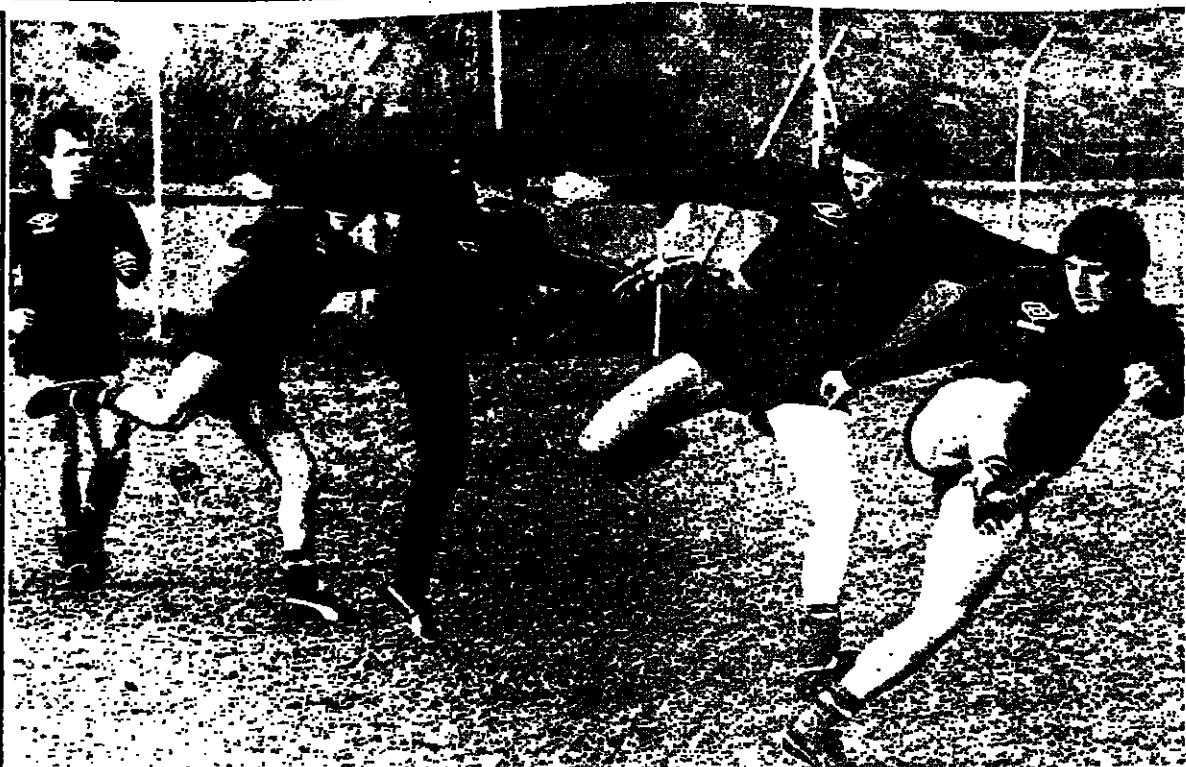
should be bygone, or that the crimes are so horrifying that they should be left to divine justice. The Holocaust was a catastrophe of unique proportions and that can't be stressed often enough. There is nothing more logical and fitting for Demjanjuk to be brought to trial here in Israel where a fair trial can be assured.

Yohan Luckhoff, director of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem: For the sake of the Jewish people who suffered so much and lost their loved ones I would urge that justice must be done. I wholeheartedly endorse bringing Demjanjuk here for trial.

Amos Oz, novelist: This is not a matter about which one expresses feelings. It's a matter for thoughts. I have to think about it and I don't want to share my gut feelings.

Dov Shilansky, Holocaust survivor chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee: This is a stirring moment for every Jew and especially for those who suffered from the crimes of the Ukrainians. The cruelty of the Ukrainian auxiliaries was even worse than that of the German Nazis.

Yahad MK Binjamin Ben-Eliezer: The trial will extract payment of an historical debt. In a way, it is a compensation for the impotence of the Jews during the Holocaust. As an eight-year-old in Iraq I saw the Iraqis hang several members of my family.



England's World Cup soccer team are put through their paces during training at Ramat Gan for today's match against Israel. (Hanoch Gutman)

Partners in sporting isolation

Post Sports Staff
Bert Millichip, chairman of the English Football Association, has promised Prime Minister Peres that England will do everything possible to help steer through Israel's application to join European soccer. His attitude reflects a clear and welcome change in the English Association's stance.

There has been intense diplomatic work by President Herzog, Peres and many others, including meetings with Britain's Prime Minister Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe.

While British diplomatic attitudes to Israel here brightened considerably in recent months, as reflected in the very warm reception accorded Peres during his recent visit to Britain, Millichip's change of heart may be due less to that than to England's own sense of sporting isolation.

Ever since the terrible events at the Heysel stadium in Brussels last May, English soccer has had to pay a terrible price for the appalling behaviour of its hooligans, whom men like Millichip loathe but cannot entirely control.

The England visit here is a part of the elaborate build-up in preparation for the Mexico World Cup finals this summer.

Thirty-nine people lost their lives at Heysel as a result of crowd violence during the European Cup final between Liverpool and Italy's Juventus. Manager Bobby Robson has acknowledged that the national team carries the heavy burden of responsibility for healing some of the scars with their showing in Mexico.

After years of violence, Robson and his team know that it is as important to win back England's good name as it is to win the coveted trophy.

Robson will need to prove himself a more astute diplomat than Sir Alf Ramsey, whose cold disdain for public relations turned the Mexican fans against his team in 1970.

Robson, who experienced the Mexicans' prickly feelings when he took England on a tour there last year, did nothing to ease relations with his blunt comments about England's first-round venue, Monterrey. The sun-baked northern city is 10 degrees hotter and 1,520 metres lower in altitude than any other sport site.

At the time of the draw for the World Cup, which placed England with Poland, Portugal and Morocco in one group, he said Monterrey was the "rough diamond in a collection of gems."

The Mexican press, spurred on by reports of the behaviour of English fans abroad, made the most of the statements. "The animals are coming," screamed one headline in Monterrey after the draw was made, echoing Ramsey's description of Argentina's players in England in 1966.

But despite such a backcloth of animosity, Robson's robust and hard-working team can be expected to perform soundly in Mexico - and without any of the disciplinary problems often wrongfully attributed to them.

While their followers have a justified reputation for excess, the Eng-

land players' own conduct is second to none.

Many of the stars in action this afternoon have visited Israel before, but always with club teams playing only friendly matches.

With most of the other World Cup places at stake and with Robson determined to build up the final shape of his team and the pattern of their play, there is unlikely to be anything less than total England commitment this afternoon.

Israel, alas, has not qualified for Mexico. Nonetheless, there is bound to be total dedication on the Israeli side, too. It is a question of aiming to show what might have been, and also of humbling mighty England.

Only two players were cautioned and none were sent off in their eight qualifying matches. Such self-discipline and careful organization, punctuated by flashes of inspiration, will be the strength of England's bid to improve on a disappointing second round exit in Spain in 1982.

Robson took over from Ron Greenwood after the Spain tournament and since then has guided England through 39 matches, with only nine defeats.

Robson was an energetic and combative wing-half in his playing days when he won 20 England caps. He has moulded the team in his own image and most particularly on the example of his captain and namesake Bryan Robson, a buccannery, inspirational figure. The Manchester United captain has recently recovered from a long-term hamstring injury and returns to his control role today.

'Oh Calcutta' cover-up may avoid censors' ban

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israelis will see the musical *Oh! Calcutta!* provided its producers change certain nude scenes. A subcommittee of the Film and Stage Censorship Board is today to discuss whether the play can be staged here.

The musical's Broadway producer, Norman Kean, who arrived here last week to fight the board's initial ban said yesterday that he was not opposed to making certain changes or restricting the audience to adults. "*Oh! Calcutta!*" was originally four hours long and we cut it down to two," Kean said. Since then we've adapted it for every country it's appeared in, because - for cultural reasons - certain scenes do not make sense in non-English-speaking countries. "I'm quite used to making changes in the play," he said, adding that he was optimistic that the board would today agree to let the play be staged.

After initially banning the musical because of nude scenes deemed "pornographic and obscene," the board rescinded the ban earlier this week and transferred the affair to its sub-committee.

While the censorship board has often banned political plays or scenes, nude scenes have been staged with its consent. The case of *Oh! Calcutta!* has aroused controversy over freedom of expression on the stage and over the justification for any moral censorship authority.

"A public adult enough to decide on matters of life and death is mature enough to decide what types of nudity it may see on the stage," Beit Leissin theatre director Ya'acov Agmon said. "Termining the censorship board 'superfluous,' Agmon rejected the notion that a selected group of people had the 'right to decide what any individual may or may not see, hear or think.'"

"The State of Israel can do without *Oh! Calcutta!*, but then some think it can do without the Philharmonic Orchestra as well."

"If I could choose between seeing a cabinet meeting in which ministers insult each other and *Oh! Calcutta!*, I'd choose the latter. I prefer real actors," Agmon said.

While theatres, playwrights and

actors have called for the abolition of the censorship board, religious circles claim the board is too lax.

Religious journalists have complained of the "deterioration of moral standards" in Israel due to the lack of adequate censorship.

The head of Tel Aviv Municipality's Education department, Haim Bassok (National Religious Party), believes censorship is necessary. "What's the difference between showing nudity on stage or on television, and me walking naked in Kikar Malchei Yisrael?" he asks.

"A Jew like me, who used to go to the theatre regularly, now has to think twice before seeing a play, for fear of what I may see. If the theatre is a public institution, it must serve all the public, not just part of it. Otherwise, why must the entire public subsidize it?"

Oh! Calcutta! was devised by British theatre critic Kenneth Tynan in 1969 using spoof and parody to create a play promoting "a healthy understanding of sex."

The musical has been on Broadway for 17 years, has been staged in 15 countries, and been viewed by an estimated 6 million people.

But South Africa and Iran banned the musical.

The eight cast members who are due to perform *Oh! Calcutta!* here are members of the musical's Broadway cast.

Since his arrival in Israel, Kean has received cables of support from the Dramatists' Guild, the actors' Equity association, the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, the League of American Theatres and Producers, the Screen Actors Guild and many others.

Panel formed to close TV

Professor Shimon Shitrit, of the Hebrew University's Law Faculty, is to head a panel drafting legislation for the emergency closure of Israel Television. The panel was set up by Education Minister Navon, the minister responsible for implementation of the broadcasting law.

Also on the panel are Itzhak Elyasoff, of the Attorney General's Office, Aryeh Bruk, legal adviser to the Education Ministry and Natan Cohen, IBA legal adviser.

Destroy Tylenol tablets, says Health Ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Anyone taking the American-made analgesic Tylenol in capsule form should "immediately destroy" the medicine, the Health Ministry ordered yesterday. The sale and import of the capsules have been banned by the Health Ministry until further notice.

The ministry's action followed the poisoning by cyanide of a 23-year-old New York woman a few weeks ago after she had taken two of the capsules. The pain-killer had apparently been laced with the poison before it had reached the pharmacy; the safety seal on the bottle had not been broken when she bought it.

Last week, the ministry assured *The Jerusalem Post* that there was "no danger" to Israelis from Tylenol capsules bought in Israel, since according to information the ministry then had, the poison had been added to the Tylenol on the pharmacy counter. But new information from U.S. health authorities - which have since banned the sale and use of

the capsules - has made it apparent that the poison was added at an earlier stage.

Tylenol, manufactured by Johnson and Johnson, is imported to Israel by Randy Ltd. It is a very popular pain-killer in the U.S. but is not very widely used here. The U.S. Tylenol poisoning scandal first broke in 1982, when seven people died from poisoned capsules. The drug was not then imported to Israel.

Prof. Ephraim Menezel, head of the Health Ministry's pharmaceutical division, said that many readily available pain-killers can be used in place of Tylenol.

The importers and pharmacists were told of the ban yesterday. Doctors are expected to learn of it through the media.

The ministry does not believe that any poison-tainted capsules have reached Israel, but has banned the drug as a safety measure. West Bank pharmacies are included in the ban, and customs officials have been notified and will confiscate the drug.

Patients should consult their doctors or pharmacists for an alternative pain-killer.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

New computer service for the unemployed

By TSIPI KUPER
For The Jerusalem Post
Job-seekers will soon be able to punch details on their interests into a labour exchange computer terminal and receive information on suitable vocations.

This is one of two computerized services for labour exchanges demonstrated yesterday at a day-long symposium on "the working man's place in today's changing market," at the Van Leer Institute.

The Tel Aviv labour exchange next month is to start centralizing data on job opportunities and on the unemployed, which should reduce the time a job-seeker is unemployed, said Employment Service deputy director-general Atar Katz.

In Jerusalem, where the labour exchange has used computers for three years, most people looking for work wait 1.7 months to find a job, compared to a national average of 2.1 months.

Boy shoots brother with father's pistol

HAIFA (Itim) - A 12-year-old boy shot and wounded his 11-year-old brother while playing with their father's pistol yesterday in the Bat Galim neighbourhood here.

The father had used the .22 licensed pistol at a firing range earlier in the day. When he returned home, he reportedly left the loaded gun lying in his workshop. His 12-year-old son began playing with the weapon and inadvertently fired it.

The wounded boy was rushed to Rambam Hospital and operated on last night. He was later reported to be doing well.

Hospitals check Aids

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Homosexuals who fear that they may have Aids can have blood tests at five hospitals around the country. The hospitals are Rambam in Haifa, Kaplan in Rehovot, Sheba in Tel Hashomer, Hadassah in Jerusalem and Soroka in Beersheva.

According to the Jerusalem-based Committee Against Aids, homosexuals have begun to reduce their sexual contacts out of fear of the disease.

Fire-raisers' motive

The burning of three more bus shelters in Jerusalem late on Sunday night was a response to Mayor Teddy Kollek's biting criticism of religious zealots and their recent activities, police and Jerusalem municipality officials believe.

Kollek condemned an ultra-Orthodox group which last Friday protested against an Arab-Jewish seminar hosted by the Boyar High School in Bayit Vegan.

The Agudat Yisrael-affiliated *Hamodia* newspaper later strongly condemned what they called Kollek's "anti-Semitic and unfair" stand against the Haredi community.

The latest bus shelter arson has brought to 29 the number of shelters burned or otherwise vandalized in the capital recently.

Arsonists hit sex shop

The Eros sex-accessories shop in Netanya was torched and gutted by fire in the early hours of yesterday morning. The arsonists also smashed the display windows of three adjoining shops.

The Eros shop has been open for about a year. (Itim)

For the birds

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA - Birds don't like their environment to be too sterile; they need water; and many of them prefer hedgerows to tall trees. If the Tel Aviv parks department can heed this advice, it may lure birds back into the city's small parks.

The advice comes from Edith Adler, in research for a Master's degree at the Technion's faculty of agriculture and town planning.

Adler found that while birds had abandoned the small parks, they could be attracted to the new gardens being planted. Keeping the gardens too clean by frequent raking of leaves "is not good for birds," and the parks must have some water source for the birds, Adler found.

Hedges, which protect smaller birds without fencing them in, are another attraction for some species, for not all birds fly to the taller trees.

Indigenous trees, with their insects, are better than foreign strains which are often insect-free and thus provide no food for the birds.

Giant shark's tooth is found in ancient Negev quarry

By LIORA MORIEL
BEERSHEBA - A fossilized shark's tooth dating back some four million years has been discovered here in an ancient quarry. The fish must have been 25 metres long, it is estimated.

Dr. Ron Goldbery, of Ben-Gurion University's Geology and Mineralogy Department, who made the find, described it as "very significant."

The shark's tooth is 13.7 centimetres long and tapers to a point from a 10cm. wide base.

Goldbery found the fossil during a preparatory tour of the quarry, which the local branch of the Society for the Protection of Nature wants to turn into a geological park.

Bilha Givon, local director of the SPNI, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the shark must have been "far larger than today's species, which measure up to 18 metres."

Goldbery told *The Post* that the tooth has its original enamel and the inner porous portion.

Explaining how large ocean-going shark could be found in the desert, he said that geologists have established that the entire area from what is today Dimona to Gaza was once a marine inlet similar to the Gulf of Eilat.



The fossil shark's tooth found in the Negev. (Liora Moriel)

Part of this geological canyon runs through one of Beersheba's major streets. Elsewhere in the Negev, geologists have discovered ancient oyster beds and other signs of ancient marine life - as well as larger animal remains. "Sometimes, workers at the Negev Phosphates mines near Oran come up with fossil remains of large animals," Givon said.

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New Iran attack endangers Iraq oilfields

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

Iranian forces launched a surprise attack in northeastern Iraq yesterday and occupied 25 villages in the area. Tehran radio reported. The radio reported that hundreds of Iraqis were killed or wounded, and that hundreds of Iraqi soldiers were taken prisoner.

Iraqi media were silent about the assault. The northern push threatens Iraq's oilfields in Kirkuk, 97km. west of Sulaimaniyah city, which is said to be within range of Iranian guns.

The president of the Iranian parliament Hojatol Islam Hashemi Rafsanjani said that the attack was in retaliation for Iraq's downing of an Iranian passenger plane last week in which more than 40 people were

killed, including eight parliamentary members.

News of the fresh offensive came a few hours after the UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire and pullback of troops to international borders. Iran immediately rejected the resolution.

The objective of the offensive "to liberate strategic heights in the region has been attained," said Iran's official Islamic News Agency, which is monitored here.

The new offensive was launched during the night in the mountains east of the Iraqi town of Sulaimaniyah in the northern sector of the border battlefield, which stretches for more than 1,000 kilometers.

In Beirut, Iran's charge d'affaires, Mahmoud Nourani, told a news con-

ference Iranian forces punched across the border before dawn and reached the outskirts of Sulaimaniyah city, (64 kms.) inside Iraqi territory.

He called the attack "Dawn 9," and said it complemented the three-week-old offensive into southern Iraq's Faw peninsula.

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Afghan guerrillas nab 30 Soviet paratroopers

ISLAMABAD Pakistan (AP). - Anti-Communist guerrillas disguised as police have captured 30 Soviet paratroopers in Afghanistan, western diplomats said here yesterday.

The diplomats said the paratroopers were dropped last week at Tezian near Sarobi in Kabul province, east of the capital of Kabul, and then were captured. Many of the guerrillas were dressed in uniforms used by Afghan government troops, the diplomats added.

The fate of the paratroopers is unknown. The capture was followed by scattered fighting between the insurgents and Soviet ground troops arriving at Tezian. But most of the insurgents already had slipped away when the Soviet troops arrived.

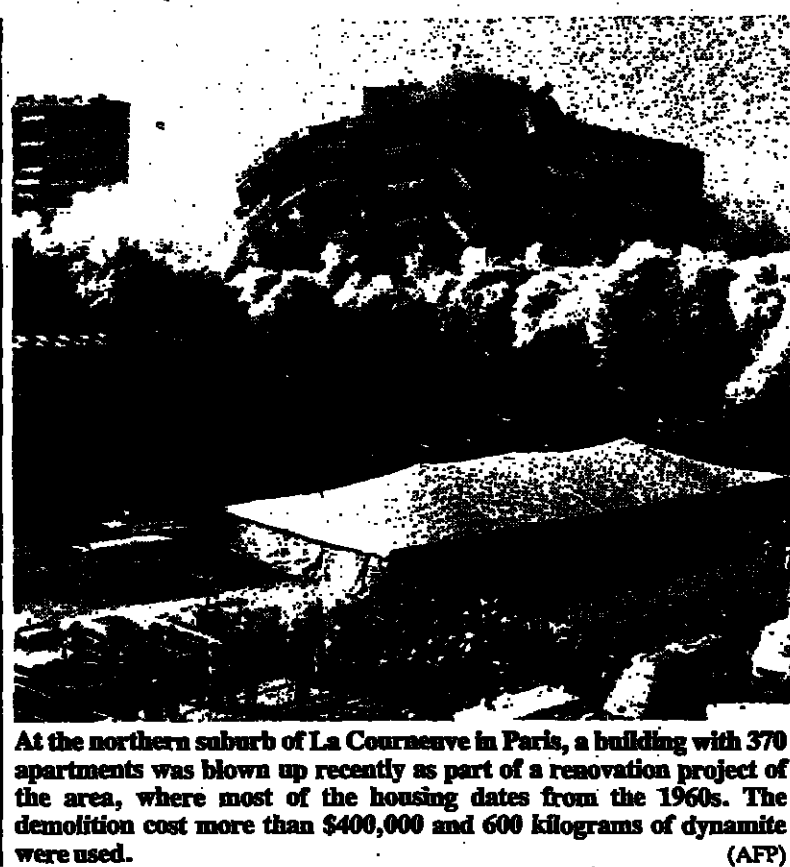
In Shomali, north of Kabul, Soviet helicopters repeatedly bombed several villages along the strategic Salang highway, which connects Afghanistan with the Soviet Union, during a 10-day period that began on February 10.

The diplomats said the Soviets began the bombings thinking guerrillas would return to the area from the south after the severe part of the winter. Casualties were not known.

Two Soviets were captured by insurgents following an engagement near the Salang tunnel two weeks ago, the diplomats said. They were put on trial, sentenced to death and executed by the guerrillas.

In the eastern province of Nangarhar, the diplomats said Afghan government troops suffered "a number of casualties" two weeks ago in heavy rocketing of the Jalalabad airport for two consecutive nights. Two aircraft and two armoured vehicles were hit by rockets.

Diplomats also reported heavy fighting at Nazian in Nangarhar province. A military convoy of 187 armoured personnel carriers, tanks and other military vehicles was sent to Nazian on February 12 to reinforce Afghan regime troops there, they said.



At the northern suburb of La Courneuve in Paris, a building with 370 apartments was blown up recently as part of a renovation project of the area, where most of the housing dates from the 1960s. The demolition cost more than \$400,000 and 600 kilograms of dynamite were used. (APF)

Botswana, South Africa agree to stop guerrilla movements

GABORONE. - Senior South African and Botswana officials agreed yesterday to take measures aimed at preventing Botswana's territory from being used by guerrillas pledged to topple South Africa's white minority rule.

A statement issued by Botswana President Quett Masire's office after a day of talks said both sides undertook "to use their best endeavours to

prevent the country (Botswana)" from being used as a transit by rebels of the African National Congress (ANC).

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Officials met in Pretoria on February 5 after South Africa told Botswana to clamp down on the ANC fighters or face a military raid. Botswana has denied harbouring ANC members.

South African troops stormed into the Botswana capital, Gaborone, last June, killing 12 people. Pretoria said were ANC targets and destroyed at least 10 houses.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

13 plotters sentenced to die in Nigeria

LAGOS (Reuters). - A military tribunal sentenced 13 officers to death by firing squad for their part in a coup plot uncovered last December, the tribunal chairman said yesterday.

Two officers were jailed for life, one was dismissed from the army and eight were cleared by the tribunal.

U.S. giving Egypt \$10m. for airport security

CAIRO (AP). - A \$10 million grant from the U.S. will help finance a "security enhancement" programme for Cairo International Airport that will include a perimeter fence and closed-circuit television, a U.S. Embassy source said yesterday.

A senior airport-security official said the system was being installed "because of the increase of terrorist operations in airports all over the world."

The money would be used to buy screening equipment like X-rays for luggage and walk-through gates, communication equipment for security men, fire-fighting equipment and training of personnel.

Massage-parlour client to get his refund

LONDON (AFP). - An American tourist who paid £60 for sex at a London massage parlour but was interrupted by a police raid "before he could get his money's worth" had his money refunded by a judge at Southwark Crown Court on Monday.

"Any gesture towards our American allies must be of some help," Judge Denis Pabis told the courtroom, recommending that the tourist be refunded out of public funds.

Massage-parlour owner Neil Charlesworth, 27, of Stoke Newington, North London, was fined £5,000 after admitting living off prostitution.

Cholera disrupts Ethiopian refugee programme

NAIROBI (AP). - A widespread cholera outbreak has disrupted plans for accommodating thousands of political refugees arriving in Somalia from Ethiopia, a UN refugee official said yesterday.

About 27,000 Ethiopian refugees have entered northwestern Somalia since early December, with more arriving at a rate of 600 per day, he said.

Ugandans take officer from hospital, set him alight

KAMPALA (AFP). - Angry residents of Uganda's eastern town of Mbale last Friday dragged a senior army officer of the ousted military government from his hospital bed and set him on fire outside the building, the Roman Catholic daily *Munira* reported here yesterday.

The officer, identified only as Lt.-Col. Ojuk, was accused by the mob of having ordered the massacre of several hundred civilians in Mbale, 250 kilometres east of Kampala, earlier this month before being beaten and set on fire with hay and old car tires, the newspapers said.

The newspaper said the officer had been taken to Mbale Hospital by Red Cross officials, where he was to have undergone surgery for a bullet wound in the leg.

Indian bill would deny alimony to Moslem women

NEW DELHI (AP). - Despite strong objections by opposition parties and progressive Moslems, the Indian government proposed a law yesterday that would deny alimony to Moslem women.

The legislation, called the Moslem Women Bill, was introduced in the lower house of Parliament.

The bill virtually nullifies last April's controversial ruling by India's Supreme Court, which awarded a \$40 per month alimony to a divorced 73-year-old Moslem woman.

The bill places the responsibility of paying maintenance on the divorced woman's relatives and Moslem social welfare boards. Riots have taken place over the alimony issue.

SPORTS

Israel v. England

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. - President Herzog will be on hand as the new national stadium is formally inaugurated this afternoon when Israel play England in a festive friendly soccer international.

Kick-off at Ramat Gan is at 4:30 p.m., after the president's arrival a half-hour earlier and a free-fall parachute display with the jumpers bringing down with them the Israeli and British colours.

For England manager Bobby Robson, the warmer the weather the better. For England, the game is an important element in the preparations for the World Cup finals in Mexico in June. England have been drawn to play in a group in sultry Monterrey.

Although it is only a friendly, the England boss has made it plain just how important the game is for his players, who are all fighting to gain a place in the Mexico squad.

Likewise, Israeli coach Yosef Mironowitch described the game "as one of the most prestigious Israel has ever played," and though Israel is the underdog, he said, his men would be out to humble mighty England.

Also among the crowd in the 50,000-seat stadium will be Sir Stanley Rous, the 90-year-old former chairman of Fifa and a longstanding friend of Israeli football, and several other guests from European soccer associations.

Expected line-ups:
ISRAEL - Ran; Aharoni; Shimonov, Avi Cohen (Capt.), Davidi (or Eli Cohen); Turk, Mahmilian, Sinai; Iwanir, Arnell, Ohana (or Rosen-thal).
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Holon contained

By DON GOULD

Maccabi Haifa sprang the first upset of the National League basketball playoffs when they upended Hapoel Holon who had travelled north on Monday night in the hope of putting away their quarter-final, contest in two straight games.

Holon, having won the first game in by 22 points had good reason to be confident. Instead they were blown completely off court by Haifa, who were in inspired mood and won 113-83 at a canter.

The big difference from last week's first game was that Haifa managed to contain the Holon front line of Barnoor, Fendster and Cooper restricting them to only 44 points combined, as against the 93 they had accumulated last week.

Haifa's two young guards Adi Gordon and Avi Rosenberg also made a big difference combining for 49 points, compared to the paltry 28 they could score in Holon.

The decisive win will be next Monday in Holon. When next week's game goes under way on Thursday week there will be nothing prospect of a Tel Aviv derby normally reserved for finals. Maccabi Tel Aviv made sure of their game against Hapoel when they barely moved out of second gear to erase the chance of pesky Maccabi Ramat Gan with a 120-104 victory in Jerusalem.

England devastated

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AFP). - Devastating fast bowling swept the West Indies to victory by 10 wickets over England an hour before the end of the third day of the first cricket Test of the five-match series here.

England, routed for 159 in their first innings by the fearsome West Indies pace attack faltered again in their second innings after conceding a lead of 148. They lost openers Graham Gooch and Tim Robinson, each without scoring, and were dismissed for 152 in spite of a defiant 71 by Peter Willey.

Patrick Patterson, the big, 24-year-old Jamaican, bowled at tremendous speed to take three for 44 for match figures of seven for 74 in his first test, earning him the Man of the Match award. Joel Garner, with three for 22, and Malcolm Marshall, with three for 29, helped to complete England's misery.

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Chancellor denies he lied to panel

HANOVER (AP). - Chancellor Helmut Kohl denied in a newspaper interview yesterday that he lied to an investigative committee and said his accuser seemed bent on hurting his reputation.

Kohl was making his first public comment since Monday's start of a prosecutor's inquiry into charges that he gave false testimony last July to a committee probing alleged "laundering" of political donations to avoid taxes.

"There is really nothing in these charges, since I gave testimony to the best of my knowledge and conscience," Kohl told *Nue Presse* of Hanover.

The Koblenz prosecutor's probe, the result of a criminal complaint filed by a parliamentary deputy for the Greens Party, is the first involving an incumbent chancellor since the West German state was created in 1949.

The investigation comes less than a year before the next federal election.

He suggested that Greens deputy Otto Schily, who filed the complaint, was seeking to "damage my personal image and my reputation."

The newspaper quoted Kohl as adding, however, "I think most citizens will see through and emphatically reject this nasty strategy against a successful coalition government."

U.S. may receive 'Stealth' missile this year

WASHINGTON (AP). - The U.S. Air Force may receive the first of the ultra-secret radar-dodging "Stealth" cruise missiles during the coming 12 months, sources close to the Pentagon said Monday.

The "Stealth," known officially as the advanced cruise missile, is among the Pentagon's most closely guarded projects. Its surface-skimming performance is identical to that of the first-generation cruise missiles, but with the additional advantage of being able to avoid enemy radar detection by means of a coating of special electro-magnetic wave-absorbent paint.

Built by General Dynamics, the missile would have a range of 4,000 kilometres compared with 2,400 kilometres for the 1,739 Boeing-built first-generation cruise missiles the Pentagon has already bought.

Maori parts skirt for 'Whakapohane' to Queen Elizabeth

WELLINGTON. - Queen Elizabeth II yesterday narrowly missed seeing a Maori activist bare his buttocks in a protest over Maori land rights, police said.

Police said the queen's car had just passed when a "heavily built" Maori sprang from the roadside, danced a protest jig, parted his grass skirt and bared his buttocks.

It was the second embarrassing incident in the queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's nine-day visit to New Zealand, coming a day after the queen was spat on by egg thrown by two porters.

Police said Friday's protester, who had inscribed slogans on his buttocks with a ball-point pen, was immediately arrested and charged with offensive behaviour.

This form of protest, known as "Whakapohane" in Maori, is considered by Maoris as the highest form of insult.

Two women pleaded not guilty in Auckland District Court yesterday to charges of assault and disorderly behaviour following the egg attack. (AFP, AP)

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 School Broadcasts 14.00 Disappearing World 15.00 Everyman's University: Democracy and Dictatorship 16.00 No Secrets 16.20 TV Game 16.45 Economic Problems 16.50 A New Evening - live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Somersaults

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 What's the Answer?
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Documentary - Hollywood (part 1)
19.30 News

HISINEN PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Movie Time - cinema magazine
20.30 Religion Programme
21.00 Movie Newsline
21.30 Football - highlights of the match between Israel and England
22.05 Special People. TV film based on a true story, starring Brook Adams
22.30 News

JORDANIAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic
20.30 Three's Company 21.10 Documentary 22.00 News in English
22.30 Felson Cret

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.00 Woody Woodpecker 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spider-Man 17.00 Super Book 17.30 Muppets
18.00 Buck Rogers 19.00 News 20.00 A-Team 21.00 Another Life 21.30 Remington Steele 22.30 Cagney & Lacey
23.17 700 Club

K.459 (Barenholm, English Chamber/Barenholm); Schubert: Symphony No.5 (LSO/Edlinger)
9.30 Beethoven: Violin Concerto in E major (Smyth, JSC/Bernini); Handel: "Judas Maccabaeus," oratorio (LSO/M. Elder)
12.05 Dvorak: Sonatina in G major, Op.100 (Weidman, Edelstein); Ben Porat: Suite for Cello (M. Heran); Ravel: Trio (Yvul)
13.00 Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante (Collegium Aureum); Mozart: Piano Quartet in G minor, K.478; Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnole (Chicago/Barenholm); Milhaud: "Le Boeuf sur le toit"; Piazzola: "Three-Penny Opera"
15.05 Contemporary Music - Gabriel Irmay: "To the end of the Day" (Lutzky); Tzipi Flahar: 10 Pieces for Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon; Melat Shikhar: Place for Piano and Oboe; Arno Nodheim: "Lux a Tenore" (Electronic Music)
16.00 Haydn: Trio in G major (Beaux Arts); Beethoven: Hungarian Dances Nos.1-10; Liszt: Hungarian Fantasy; Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra (Chicago-Lesord)
18.30 Festival Schweigen, May 1985 - 19.00 News
19.05 News
20.05 Mozart: Cavatina K.63; K. St. Martin; Viola Concerto; Hindemith: 5 Pieces, Op.44; Haydn: Symphony No.89
20.45 Darius Milhaud and "La Creation du monde"
21.05 Chabrier: "L'Etrole" opera comique
22.00 Bach: Preludes and Fugues Nos.13-20 from the "Well-tempered Clavier"; Beethoven: "An die Ferne Geliebte" song cycle (R. Cohn); Bach: Prelude and Fugue

12.05 Oriental songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.05 News in a New Book
16.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 Jewish Traditions
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Lesson in Hebrew
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme
6.12 Gymnastics
6.20 Editorial Photos
6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning - news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network - morning magazine
12.10 Open Line - news and music
13.00 Midday - news commentary, music
14.05 Matters of Interest - with Gabi Gazit
15.10 Magic Moments
16.05 Songs and Hornwork
16.45 Football - live broadcast from Ramat Gan of the match between Israel and England
19.05 Today - radio newsline
19.25 Army and Defence Magazine
20.05 Folklore Magazine
21.05 Song for the Road
22.05 Stage and Screen
23.05 Night Games

Army
6.10 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "707" - with Adi Talmon
8.05 Good Morning Israel
9.05 Right Now - with Rafi Reshet
11.05 The Old Days - with Ori Yaniv
13.05 Israel Style - with Eli Yarnai
15.05 What's Doing - with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.00 Evening Newsline
18.05 Employment Opportunities
19.05 Radio Inauguration - with Danny Karpi
20.05 Foreign Language HI Parade
21.00 Mabot - TV Newsline
21.30 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Anonymous Drug Advertis (repeat)
00.05 Night Songs, Chat

JERUSALEM 4.30, 7, 9
Eden: White Nights 4.15, 6.45, 9.15; Eden: Death Wish III; Haddash: Gulag 4.30, 6.45, 9.15; Kfir: Purple Rose of Cairo; Target 6.45, 9.15; Orgiz: Year of the Dragon 4.30, 6.45, 9.15; Parole de Flic; Ravi: The Lover; Semadar: Kios 6.30, 9.15; Binyamin: The Lovers; When Father was Away on Business 6.45, 9.15; Beke: Agnost: A Star is Born 7; Mask 9.30; American Ninja 12 midnight; Cinema: Someone Up There Like Me 7; Bed and Sofa 7 (small hall); Knife of Hearts 9 (small hall); Rashomon 9.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Alamy: Night Night 5.30, 9.30; Beit Lashana: Night Night 11.15 p.m.; Ben-Yehuda: Back to the Future; Chen 1: Year of the Dragon 4.15, 7, 9.45; Chen 2: American Flyer 7.20, 9.45; Chen 3: Marie 7.20, 9.45; Chen 4: Doin' Time 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7.20, 9.40; Chen 5: The Sure Thing 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7, 9.40; Cinema: One; American Ninja 5, 8; Cinema: The Purple Rose of Cairo; Zelik: White Nights 7.30; Drive-In: The Falcon and the Snowman 7.15, 9.30; Sex film, 12 midnight; Eastern Red Sonja: Get Twice in a Lifetime; Gordon: Choose Me; Hedi: Death Wish III; Law II: Target 1.30, 4.50, 7.15, 9.30; Law III: Bonnie and Clyde 2, 5, 7.30, 9.40; Lemer: Haremshah; Pritz: The Honor 4.30, 7, 9.30; Madaia: Birdy 4.30, 7, 9.30; Moshon: Commander; Ori: And the Ship Sails On 4.30, 7, 9.30; When Night Falls 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: When Father Was Away on Business 4.15, 7, 9.30; Shabat: The Lover; Studio: Jagged Edge; Tcheles: Plenty 4.30, 7, 9.30; Tel Aviv: Rocky IV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Tel Aviv: Favorites of the Moon; Zafon: Ran 6.15, 9.30; Israel Cinema: Les Enfants du Paradis 1, 7;

Les Enfants du Paradis II, 9.30; Tamar: Haremshah: Clockwork Orange 6.45, 9.30; Beth Heterfuteh: Charlott-7

HAIFA 4.30, 6.45, 9
Amichai: Back to the Future 4.30, 7, 9.15; Armon: Red Sonja; Atzmon: Death Wish III, 4.30, 7, 9; Chen: Commando; Moriah: closed; Ori: The Lover 4.30, 7, 9.15; Orgiz: Jagged Edge 6.45, 9; Peer: Plenty 4, 6.30, 9; Ron: Rocky IV 4, 6.45, 9.15; Shavit: Ran 6, 8; Rav-Gat 1: Year of the Dragon 3.45, 6.30, 9.15; Rav-Gat 2: White Nights 3.45, 6.30, 9.15; Keren Or: Haremshah: Kios 6, 9

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Red Sonja 5, 7.15, 9.30; Lily: Pritz: The Honor 7, 9.30; Romancing the Stone 4.30; Oasis: Year of the Dragon 6.50, 9.30; Ori: Death Wish III, 7.15, 9.30; Rav-Gat: For Those I Loved 6.45, 9.30; Rav-Gat 1: Marie 5, 7.30, 9.40; Rav-Gat 2: Birdy 5, 7.20, 9.45; Rav-Gat 3: Plenty 4.30, 7.10, 9.40; Rav-Gat 4: Jagged Edge 5, 7.20, 9.45

HERZLIYA
David: Purple Rose of Cairo 7.15, 9.30; Hedi: Rocky IV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Tiferet: Commando 4.30, 7.15, 9.15

HOLON
Migdal: Zapped 7.15, 9.30; Savoy: Rocky IV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Armon: Haremshah: Prey for Death 5, 7.15, 9.30

BATYAM
Atzmon: Rocky IV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

GHIVATAYIM
Hedi: Rocky IV, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

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THE THREAT OF SCHISM

The laity must demand mutual respect between the religious leaders of the various trends in Judaism.

A NARROW VISION has taken hold of Jewish life. In the name of survival, truth, God, revelation, Tora - *meitzot* (divisions) between Jews are raised higher, a small people is made even smaller. Jewish religious leaders and Jewish religious institutions are *de facto* delegitimized: their marriages are not marriages, their conversions not conversions, their divorces not divorces, their houses of worship off limits. No formal anathema has been declared, but in practice it is as real as any *herem* (excommunication). A rising exclusivism has passed the point of a cranky idiosyncrasy of a few extremists. Growing in intensity, it threatens to isolate important Jewish sub-communities.

Co-officiating by Orthodox and Conservative or Reform or Reconstructionist rabbis grows increasingly embarrassing. Pressured by those on the right, moderate Orthodox rabbis cannot or will not accept non-Orthodox rabbis as witnesses or entitle them to read the *kenuba* (marriage writ) or pronounce benedictions. At best, the non-Orthodox rabbi may be allowed to say a few words to the couple. For the sake of *shalom bayit* (internal peace), non-Orthodox *mohalim* (ritual circumcisers) will not circumcise an infant whose mother was converted under non-Orthodox auspices, despite the conversion's conformity to halachic norms.

Talmudic and hassidic sources on the primacy of *ahavat Yisrael* - the love of all Jews - are cited in speeches, notably at fund-raising events. Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev and Ha'Rav Kook remain theoretical heroes and saints, but the few Orthodox rabbis who call for cooperative ventures are held in derision. A joint Christian-Jewish service combining Orthodox and non-Orthodox congregants would be noteworthy. We have lost the ability to pray together, to learn and teach together. Yet the rhetoric insists, "We are one."

THE SERIOUSNESS of schism between Jewish religious movements can no longer be hidden from the Jewish laity. Their and their children's rites of passage are affected by the brooding denominational wars. Jewish demography is dangerously weighted towards the aged, the fertility rate among Jews is perilously low, the out-marriage of Jewish youth is precariously high.

For Jews to add denominational divisiveness to the obstacles hindering Jewish in-marriage is suicidal.

Harold Schulweis

Despite the warring of hands over the galloping rate of mixed marriages, a growing Jewish sectarianism is bent on blocking marriages between Jewish youth from different movements. Jewish summer and winter camps and retreats are denominationally segregated, as are Jewish religious youth camps. Jewish youth do not mingle with Jewish youths of other movements. Where or when or how does the National Federation of Temple Youth (Reform) meet with the United Synagogue Youth (Conservative) or either with National Conference of Synagogue Youth (Orthodox)?

Such fractionalization among Jews may so dry up the small pool of marriageable Jews that the critical mass required for continuity will vanish. The crisis facing the rabbinate and the laity is far from academic, a fine quarrel over the degree of ritual observance or institutional competition over ecclesiastical turf. The crisis concerns the sons and daughters and grandchildren of the Jewish community. Left alone, Jewish laity may soon wake up to a community of isolated sects. One day they may awake to find a people shattered into broken parts: latter-day Karaites, Samaritans, Sadducees, Essenes, nominal Jews with whom no marriage without conversion can be entered into.

Conscience and wisdom dictate that the Jewish laity now transcend the ugly factionalism which is bent on turning a faith into a sect and schools of thought into denominations. Rabbis may be too institutionally bound or too theologically rigid to overcome the schismatic sectarianism. The time has come for launching an internal Jewish ecumenical movement initiated and headed by an informed laity motivated by a collective will to live. This is the time for the Jewish people to exert its pressures on its leaders, to insist on the mutual respect of its religious institutions and the rabbis each ordains. The threat to our identity and continuity is not from without. The seeds of our disintegration are sown from within.

What is called for, it must be made clear, is not a capitulation to other movements or an abandonment of one's own. What is demanded of every Jew and every movement is a basic respect for other schools of thought. Conservative, Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist institutions are neither founded nor sup-

ported by uncaring Jews prepared to preside over the dissolution of the Jewish people. The founders, builders and supporters of these institutions represent a precious minority of survivalist Jews struggling to maintain Jewish life according to their best intuitions, insights and knowledge.

Institutions and leaders are all fallible. All of Jewish wisdom and piety is not in any single seminary or yeshiva, not in any single movement. Judaism is more than any of its ideological or institutional parts, and more than the sum of its parts. The growing militant denominationalism within the community mocks the holistic genius of Jewish monotheism. It is confronted with sectarian idolatries. The objects of idolatrous adoration, the talmudic Sages warn, are not in themselves evil. Stars, moon, trees, sun are not unholy. It is the worship of portions of creation as if they were the whole of creation that eclipses the unity of God's world and profanes it. When institutions or ideologies arrogate to themselves exclusive truth and dismiss all others as aberrations, the plenitude and grandeur of Judaism is impoverished. The Zohar warns: "Woe to the man who identifies God with any attribute."

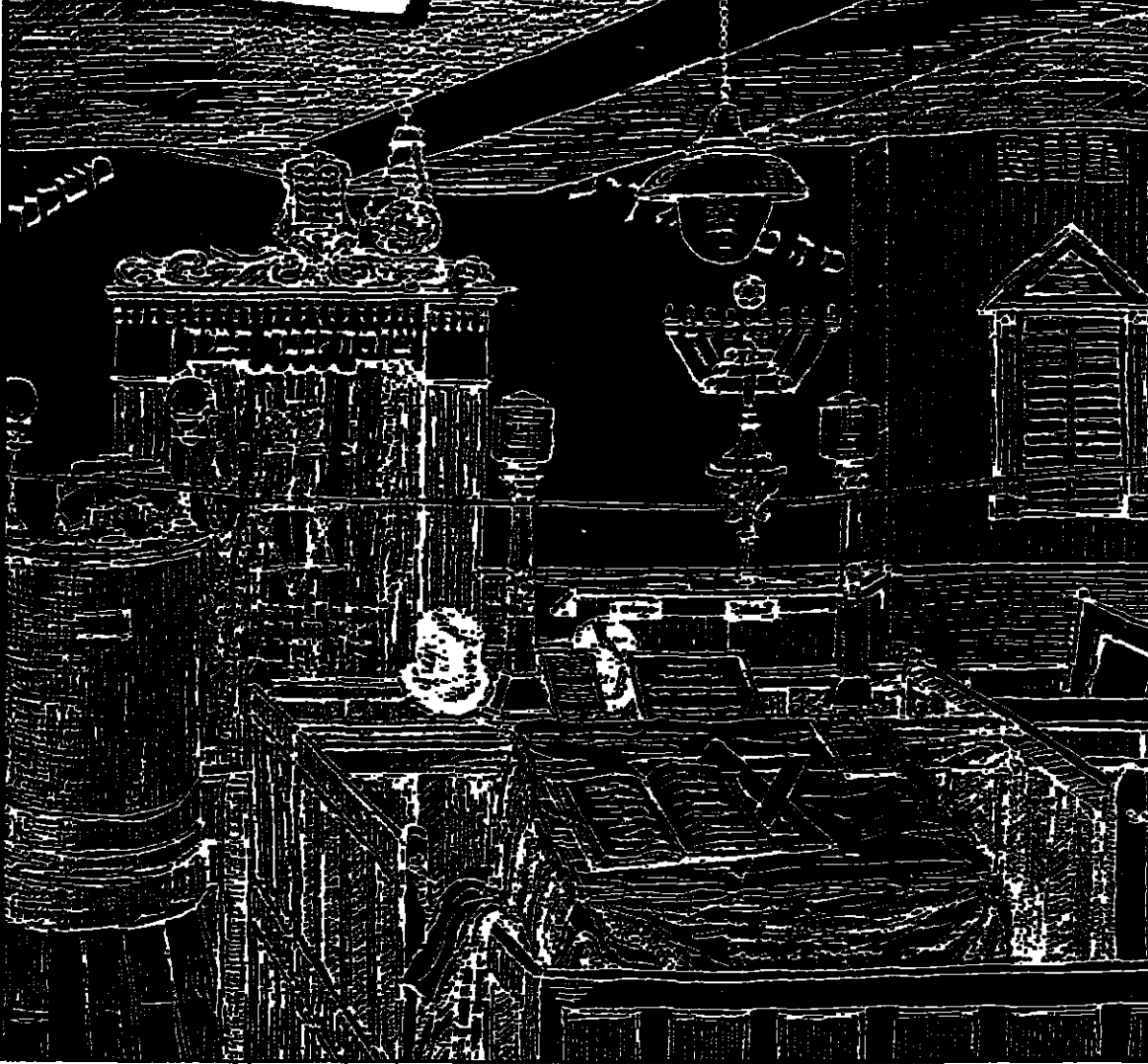
BEYOND THE ETHICS of mutual respect, Jews need each other's uniqueness. Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist were initiated and have lasted for good reason. These schools of Jewish thought, movements, ideologies have taken hold because each answers deep Jewish needs and wants within the Jewish community. Each offers answers to some, none provides answers for everyone.

We are a people of multiple temperaments. To use threat, guilt and excommunication to create a people speaking "one language and one speech" is to forget the lesson of the Tower of Babel. There is a uniformity that topples the superstructure, scattering its shards, thrown more distant from each other and from God.

On pragmatic and, for many, on ideal grounds, the various modes of Jewish behaviour and belief must be regarded with reverence. More than "niceness" is at stake in the respectful recognition of each other's Jewish institutions and leaders. Unless Jews learn to recognize each other, they will lose the recognition of others and self-recognition as an identifiable world people.

The writer is rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom synagogue in Encino, California.

האדא מן אלאל



The Dublin Jewish Museum, opened by President Chaim Herzog, is housed in the disused Walworth Road synagogue, founded before World War I. Its upper-storey synagogue (above) attracts many non-Jewish visitors. The museum and archives occupy the ground floor.

IRISH TIES

DUBLIN LETTER
Asher Benson

FOR NEARLY 19 years, Dublin has had an Irish-Israeli Friendship League, catering for cultural exchanges between the two countries.

In the wake of President Chaim Herzog's state visit last June to the land of his birth (a true Irishman: born Belfast, educated Dublin), the Ireland-Israel Development Association (IIDA) was established to replace the moribund Ireland-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

(Cathy Moore, IIDA's perky trade director, says that 14 projects are now in hand: an Irish factory is already producing Israeli-designed wheelchairs, and an Israeli team has been here studying wind-energy.)

It was in 1975 that the two countries finally exchanged non-resident ambassadors. The Israeli ambassador to the court of St. James's is also accredited to Ireland, and the Irish envoy to Greece also represents his country's interests in Israel.

Successful Israeli diplomats in the United Kingdom have met Irish brick-walls when looking for resident embassies in Dublin, and they are on record as saying they would not pursue the matter any further. But if prospective trade between the two countries materializes to the projected £50m.-£70m., Israel may well be asking again, and this time perhaps with more positive response.

LAST YEAR, 180,000 Israeli tourists visited the UK. Figures are not available, but the mere trickle that came on to Ireland must have consisted mainly of expatriates spending time with members of their families still living here, or travellers on United Nations business. Ireland being a participating nation in the Unifil group in Lebanon.

The Israeli who comes here simply on holiday is indeed a rare specimen; alas, not for him is the Irish soft summer rain falling with such abundance. However, tourist organizations say it is not the rain that keeps the Israelis away, but the repressive round-trip air fare between the UK and Ireland. This factor, they maintain, also vitiate against traffic from Ireland to Israel, which last year stood at 6,000 units, and in 1986 may rise to a hoped-for 9,000.

The good news is that negotiations are proceeding for a reasonable add-on fare, which will boost tourism in both directions.

Rafi Baeri of the Israeli Government Tourist Office is taking it all seriously, and last month in Dublin at the Holiday and Leisure Fair, promised "increased promotional presence in the Irish market-place."

The Jewish World is edited by Moshe Kohn.

Critical silence in California

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES

Tom Tugend

ELECTIONS for the governorship of California, the largest state in the U.S., are nine months away, but the contest for the Jewish vote is already in full swing.

The 1986 gubernatorial face-off is expected to be a rematch of the 1982 election, in which Republican George Deukmejian came from behind to beat Democrat Tom Bradley by a hair.

Although Jews make up less than five per cent of the state's 26 million residents, their political activism, financial strength and concentration in the two key cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco give them a clout far beyond their numbers.

Until a few months ago, there was little question which way the Jewish vote would go. Bradley owes his three successive elections as the first black mayor of Los Angeles primarily to solid support by the Jewish and black communities, and in the 1982 gubernatorial elections he won 75 per cent of the statewide Jewish vote against 25 per cent for Deukmejian.

The picture changed dramatically a few months ago, in the wake of a shrill anti-Semitic speech by Louis Farrakhan, the militant Black Muslim leader. Jewish spokesmen had

pleaded for weeks with Bradley to denounce Farrakhan before the speech. But torn between opposing pressures from his black and Jewish allies, the mayor kept silent until the day after the Farrakhan rally.

FEELING BETRAYED on a crucial moral issue, the Jewish community reacted emotionally and vocally. In a poll taken a week later, three out of four Los Angeles Jews said they would vote against Bradley in 1986.

Since then, the mayor has taken great pains to repair the damage. In speeches before Jewish audiences and letters to newspapers, Bradley has reiterated his abhorrence of anti-Semitism and admitted that he may have taken the wrong approach in the Farrakhan affair.

Most recently, Bradley led a California trade delegation to Israel, a trip favourably covered in the local press. Still, while some of the initial Jewish anger has cooled, a cautious wait-and-see attitude has largely re-

placed the former Jewish fervour for the mayor.

Governor Deukmejian has moved swiftly to take advantage of the unexpected political opportunity.

IN CONTRAST to Bradley, the governor strongly denounced Farrakhan well before his Los Angeles appearance.

However, the governor's most effective approach has been to compare the fate of Jews during the Holocaust to the genocide of his Armenian forebears by the Turks during World War I.

He recently told a Jewish audience that "many of you have grown up hearing the truly tragic stories of friends, families and loved ones who died at the hands of the Nazis. Gloria (his wife) and I grew up hearing those stories too - stories about our relatives who were brutally massacred during the Armenian genocide."

In the volatile political climate of California, much can change in a few months. But at the moment, it looks as if Bradley's misjudgment and Deukmejian's astuteness may lead to a considerable realignment of the Jewish vote this year.

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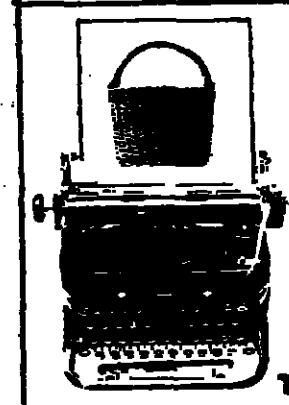
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Printing fools' money

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Editor

The Ministerial Economics Committee yesterday decided to let the government resume the printing of money, as the Labour Party has demanded.

The decision to start the money presses rolling again, one day after the Labour ministers stepped back from the coalition crisis they had brought about themselves, may mean that the Likud has succeeded in "buying" the rotation, by letting the ministerial panel direct cash to whom it will - including Solel Boneh, the farmers and other enterprises. But it's just as likely that the latest crisis will be followed within a few weeks by a new one, which is already being cooked up now.

Either way, it's clear that the ministers yesterday decided on a new direction in economic policy. The first result will be that the country's foreign currency reserves will drop, since this is necessary to avoid the inflation normally caused by the printing of cash.

Coalition crises pass quickly - but the damage caused by this one will last. The public should understand that the current economic stability, which shows up in the low inflation figures, is likely to end.

This summer could well be a hot

one, politically and economically. Israelis, who for years have studied the College of Economic Mysteries - with a major in forecasting new government decrees - can draw their conclusions from the political instability. In the past, the result of such instability has always been a policy of "first come, first served" - with the serving, perhaps, being the choice to pay less for imported goods or foreign currency.

A national economy is made up of smaller economic units, composed of separate firms. An economy is built on an infrastructure of power stations, roads and telecommunications. An economy is made up of people, and the knowledge they've gained over years.

An economy, like any organism, can grow only when the healthy cells grow. Growth isn't achieved by giving infusions to sick tissues at the expense of healthy cells, which need to grow slowly.

The drop on world markets in the prices of fuel, grain, other raw materials and the dollar, could provide a chance for the Israeli economy to strengthen its healthy cells. Those parts of the economy which will provide the basis for growth in the future must be upgraded.

But the telephone system in Israel is degenerating, while in the rest of

the world telecommunications have become the backbone of modern life. Roads here are deteriorating because insufficient money is budgeted to maintain them. Schools, including vocational schools, lack the means to prepare the next generation of trained workers needed for an economy which pretends to be sophisticated and competitive.

The drop in world oil prices obligates us to lower the price of heavy industrial oil and of electricity more than the government has done so far, so that Israeli products will be competitive with those produced elsewhere.

Reducing taxes - for everyone - would increase the motivation to invest, without the need for government intervention.

Better roads and telephones, cheaper fuel, better schools, and lower taxes on labour help all parts of the economy, without the need for the government to plan aid to any favoured sector. These are the steps needed if we want a steady and solidly-based increase in exports.

Those who think there is another way of increasing exports in an economy that hasn't really grown in years, an economy in which the government's deficit is bigger than the public's savings, are only fooling themselves.



Coal unloading quay at Ashdod under construction. (Fuchs)

Strike looms at Vulcan

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Haifa Labour Council has decided to call the 230 employees of Vulcan Foundries out on strike from today.

The action, following the declaration of a labour dispute two weeks ago, is in protest against management's refusal to reinstate 13 sacked workers pending further negotiations over severance pay.

Management of the bayside firm has consistently rejected what it described as the exorbitant compensation demanded by the workers.

Council secretary Moshe Wertman accused the Ordan company

which owns the foundries of using court orders to try and establish new labour practices.

The Haifa Magistrates Court, at the request of the firm's management, last week issued an injunction barring the 13 sacked workers from approaching within 300 metres of the factory.

Vulcan Foundries general manager Alex Ferling said the dismissed men had been disrupting work at the factory when they had no right to be there.

He noted that the company lost nearly \$2 million in 1985 and that delays, caused by the men's action in supplying goods to customers, would only make matters worse.

Brazil stops alcohol fuel programme for cars

SAO PAULO (AFP). - The Brazilian government has suspended the national programme for producing sugar cane alcohol for fuelling road vehicles, it was announced yesterday.

Participants at a ministerial meeting decided to halt this subsidized programme, launched in 1975 due to the jump in oil rates, in the light of the recent slump in oil prices.

About 2.4 million cars in Brazil

run on alcohol, out of 8.2m. on the roads. Most new cars have alcohol instead of petrol engines.

The ambitious alcohol programme has saved Brazil billions of dollars over the past few years.

But the costly subsidies are widely believed to be no longer justified if oil prices continue at their present lower level. Critics stress that the energy yield from alcohol is less than from petrol.

U.S. businessmen learn about Free Trade Area pact

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 100 American businessmen, investment advisers and corporate financial officers connected with firms marketing Israeli goods met in Los Angeles last Thursday in a seminar devoted to the Israeli-American Free Trade Area agreement.

The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Israel-American Chamber of Commerce.

Besides the expansion of Israeli exports to the U.S., topics discussed were joint ventures, especially in the field of industrial research and development. Another topic was the increased purchase of goods in Israel by American companies with substantial sales in Israel. (These reciprocal purchases are handled by a special unit of the Ministry of Indus-

try and Trade, the Tel Aviv-based Industrial Corporation Authority.)

In related news, the director of the ministry's planning and financing administration, David Brodet, has announced the addition of \$20 million to the ministry's special fund for assisting Israeli exporters in their marketing efforts overseas.

The addition brings the fund's resources to more than \$80 million, he said. Money received from the fund in the form of loans and grants can be utilized by exporters for financing participation in trade fairs and professional congresses and publication of catalogues and sales promotion literature.

"An Israeli presence at exhibitions overseas, backed up with an attractive sales catalogue, is frequently the factor that makes or breaks a company's export campaign," Brodet said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE KING SOLOMON hotel in Jerusalem is to go under the hammer in April. Zion Levy, one of three brothers who own the 154-room establishment, yesterday confirmed that the premises have been listed with the Israel Auction Mart. The sum acceptable to the owners has not yet been fixed. At the beginning of this year, the King Solomon cut its ties with Sheraton International, which had managed it since it opened in 1981. Negotiations for the hotel to come under Cassouto management fell through last month.

Levy told *The Jerusalem Post* that his ambition had been that the hotel should become the kind of high-class luxury venture with which his family had been associated for 30 years in Iran before the overthrow of the Shah.

ALL 18 SHOPS in the new Zomet Geiliot Shopping Centre in Tel Aviv have been sold or leased. The largest unit is a 5,000-square-metre unit of Nuva's Hypershuk market. The Zomet Geiliot is across the road from the Tel Aviv Country Club.

PAZ COMPANY has invested about \$10 million in its new plant for producing adhesives and insulating materials now going up in Afula's Alon Tavor industrial zone. The plant will employ about 150 workers.

AFRICA-ISRAEL INVESTMENTS LTD. is claiming "astounding success" in sales of its "Special Home" flats in the company's new building complex in Givat Sayon. It says 13 out of the 72 flats were sold within a two-week period. Based on plans by architect Moshe Zur, the four-direction-exposure flats allow for individual planning additions by the buyers before completion of construction and occupancy.

A PRICE OF \$107,000 has been set as the minimum for flats in the new eight-building Azorei Hen project whose construction got underway last

week. Azorei Hen, sponsored by the Clal Group, is located in North Tel Aviv, between the Lamed Quarter and the Country Club. Occupancy is scheduled for July 1988.

THE BEZEK communication company has been employing prisoners of the Ramle jail in the installation of telephone lines for the last four years. A regular team of 25 prisoners is being employed. Eight prisoners have joined Bezek after their release.

KOORTRADE's local division, which deals with trade within Israel, has decided to set up a leasing company. The new company is expected to have a turnover of \$4 million in its first year of operation.

SEVEN DENTAL companies from Israel will display their wares at the International Dental Show on April 7-12 in Cologne.

THE DEPUTY director-general of the Bulgarian Shipping Company has denied that his firm will establish relations with Israel via a transshipment arrangement based on Cyprus. In an interview with the shipping industry trade journal, Lloyd's List, Captain Peter Bojkov said no deal had been made with any Israeli line. Since the Bulgarian line charges lower rates than Zim on the European run, the deal with Israel's Trans-Clal line was to have reduced costs on cargo traffic to Europe. Zim and the local seamen's unions have opposed the mooted deal.

ISRAEL RAILWAYS has reached an agreement with Mifalei Tovale, a subsidiary of Israel Chemicals, to allocate \$6.2 million to improve the tracks in the south and to buy two new locomotives. The Mifalei Tovale trucking firm, which moves for Israel Chemicals the potash and phosphates from the Negev to Eilat and to the railhead at Nahal Zin, provides almost 100 per cent of the income of Israel Railways on this section of its lines.

Luring tourists here with the aid of their rabbis

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A special conference on tourism has brought 17 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis here from the U.S. and Canada to bolster sagging tourism statistics. They are here as a result of a package deal put together by El Al, the Moriah Hotel Jerusalem, the Israel Bonds organization, the Synagogue Council of America, the Ministry of Tourism and "Operation Independence."

For a mere \$350, each of the participants received a return flight ticket, accommodation, meals and transport in Israel. In return for this rock-bottom price, each of the rabbis is expected to bring 15 or more people to Israel within the next year. On his return to Israel with a group of his congregants, he will have the \$350 refunded.

Since it is common practice to

waive the travel and accommodation expenses of group leaders, the rabbis will not only get their money back, but will also get a second trip free of charge.

All the rabbis attending the conference have been to Israel before, said an Israel Bonds spokesman, most of them leading groups.

The initiative for the conference came from David Harmelin, Israel Bonds international campaign chairman, who heads the tourism committee in the "Operation Independence" Task Force.

Harmelin is due to arrive here today for talks with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

Tourism statistics have been on the downgrade over the past two months due to stepped-up terrorist activities.

Huge merger of U.S. airlines

MIAMI (Reuters). - Eastern Airlines, the United States' third largest carrier, this week agreed to a buy-out by Texas Air Corp., paving the way for one of the biggest mergers in U.S. aviation history.

Eastern, in announcing the agreement in principle, said its board had determined that the sale of the financially ailing airline was the "only alternative" available to avert a bankruptcy filing.

Houston-based Texas Air offered to pay \$10 a share for Eastern, amounting to a total price of more than \$600 million.

The takeover agreement with Texas Air, headed by Frank Lorenzo, a strong-willed chief executive reviled by labour leaders as a "union buster," has cast serious doubt on the future with the merged airline of Eastern chairman Frank Borman.

Eastern said the sale to Texas Air was prompted by the refusal of its

powerful, 12,000-member machinists union to grant concessions to the airline despite a lender-imposed deadline for imposing sweeping reductions in labour costs.

"The only alternative would have been to file for protection under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Law, which was an unacceptable alternative," Borman said in a statement.

The board's decision was announced only hours after company negotiators had reached tentative agreements on wage concessions from its pilots and flight attendants. Both unions agreed to 20 per cent wage cuts and work rule changes.

Though union officials condemned the takeover accord, Eastern's pilot union said they had dropped plans to strike today.

The marriage of the two airlines would give Texas Air, already a strong presence in Western and Midwestern U.S. cities, a huge share of the busy East Coast market.

Pan Am faces

question of survival

NEW YORK (Reuters). - Pan American World Airways has sold more than \$1.5 billion worth of its assets in the past six years to stay solvent, but industry analysts say the strategy may not work.

The airline, whose Pan Am clipper service made its name known around the world 50 years ago, this week posted a profit of \$51.8 million for 1985, but only because it sold its entire Pacific division to a competitor, United, for \$750m.

Continued operating losses have renewed speculation among Wall Street analysts that Pan Am may not survive or could be taken over.

The sale was the latest disposal of a valuable asset to keep the air service running. In 1980, Pan Am sold \$400m. from the sale of its headquarters building in Manhattan. In 1981 it sold the profitable chain of Intercontinental Hotels for \$500m.

Cash has been needed by Pan Am because of a string of large losses since 1979, with operating losses broken only by a small profit in 1983. The company, however, stressed that the Pacific sale was not the same kind of "stay alive" move as the office building and hotel chain sales.

Analysts agreed that the cash infusion has given Pan Am at least two years of survival. Beyond that, however, they don't think Pan Am can survive by itself, without acquiring another carrier or being taken over itself.

Phoning home from 36,000 feet in the air

LONDON. - British Airways is to install telephones in three of its wide-bodied 747 aircraft in a unique trial that will enable passengers to make calls in-flight. The airline will be the first international carrier to offer this service, using spare satellite capacity across the Atlantic Ocean and the African continent.

It marks a major breakthrough in aeronautical telecommunications for the benefit of passengers and aviation.

Passengers will need a credit card to operate the phones fitted on the aircraft bulkhead. This will unlock

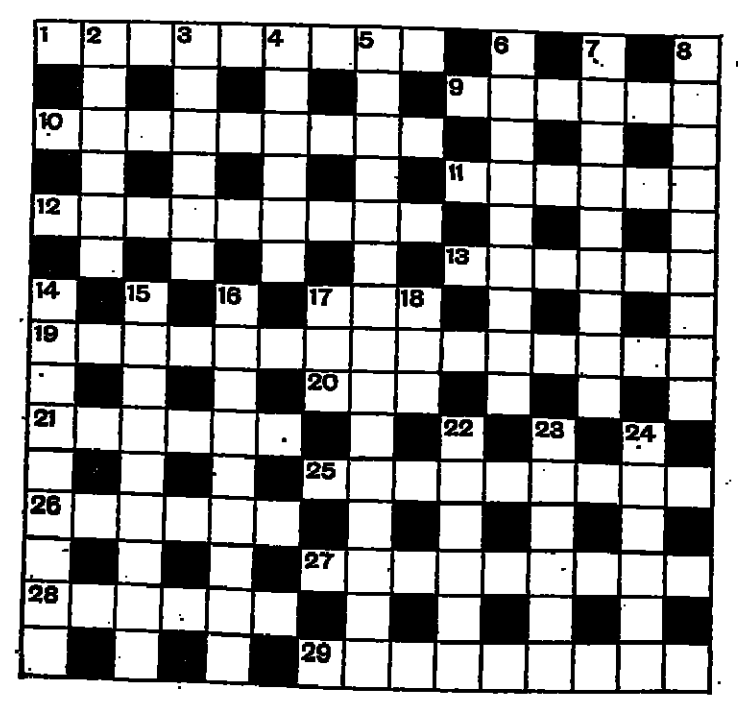
the handset and connect the customer from the comfort of his seat 36,000 feet above the clouds with a ground-based telephone operator in the UK, who will connect the call.

Passengers will only be able to make outgoing calls initially, but British Airways hopes ultimately to offer a two-way service.

A telephone service from the air has only been available up to now in the U.S. on domestic flights using ground-to-air communications. Satellite communication opens up the skies on the longhaul flights over sea.

ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- A bit withdrawn at the end of 1984? (9)
 - Joke that sounds inspired (6)
 - Unfriendly snooker has plants in it (4,3)
 - Conservative permission to divide members (6)
 - Means of keeping locks in order? (9)
 - Shallow dishes for common feet (6)
 - Lamb's complaint in Cuba, always (3)
 - Ordered proper art - Titian, for example (8,7)
 - This deer does without a tail (3)
 - A school-case for giving? (6)
 - Prudence - a Galsworthy character, we hear (3)
 - Spirit of one in anger (6)
 - Guide gives shortest way - by Circle line (8)
 - King water-creature, a depraved sort (6)
 - Traveller suffering inertia not losing heart (9)
- DOWN**
- Presumably I'm not silent though without ethical standards (6)
 - Iron road repair needs such a hat (6)
 - Dreads losing head for such offences (6)
 - I might show interest in 1 - most amusing toll it could turn out, for me! (15)
 - Redskin on foot? (9)
 - Plunder from old Chester, say (8)
 - Essential to change scenes on a railway (9)
 - Preparatory tasks on the borders? (9)
 - Draws out one in favour of religious pamphlets (9)
 - Pirate soldier to the queen? (9)
 - Offer made for a lot (3)
 - Mock pea-soup? (3)
 - Lower the average at Camp-town! (6)
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ECONOMIC NEWS

MARKET PLACE
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Signal for the lift-off

The stock market has received the most explicit signals as to what is going to happen in the economy in the coming weeks and months. It can be relied upon to proceed on this information and to move into top gear.

The government has performed an abrupt about-turn in economic policy and yesterday's decisions, which are today's front-page news, make it abundantly clear what the elements of this change are.

Interestingly, these decisions turn on the availability of excess capital in the financial markets in order to finance the bond issues that are the key element in the "growth" plan.

Whether this surplus is available will depend on the rate of interest offered on *tapsak* accounts, and on the yield offered on the new bonds. These will determine whether the funds being sought - apparently to total \$450 million - will come from short-term unlinked shekel deposits or from redeemed savings, provident and advanced training funds.

Since both of these channels will reduce the pool of savings available to the government to finance its budget, there is considerable fear among economists that the U-turn on policy will trigger renewed inflation. In this eventuality, linked bonds will become a big hit, but even without, or before, this happening, the bond market should benefit from the general fall in interest rates, which the government has now declared as its aim.

Looking down the list of investment alternatives, the following picture suggests itself:

Tapsak and other shekel deposits: Interest rates are now, for the first time in almost a year, definitely negative in real terms. It is therefore more than likely that money will flow out of these vehicles.

Treasury bills (makam): Yields of about 1.5% monthly also look low and are probably negative. This market has shriveled up in recent months and may continue doing so.

Shares: The boom has been gathering momentum for 2-3 weeks and seems set to get stronger. Prices overall are already high, however. The element of no-choice is probably sufficient to fuel the boom, though, and the share market will probably be an increasingly popular destination for money coming out of shekel deposits.

Index- and dollar-linked bonds: These, including bank shares in the "arrangement" should rise somewhat in the coming days. If inflationary fears pick-up and devaluation looms again, the turn of these sectors to star will certainly come.

Savings schemes: The net redemption of the past few months will probably get worse as the emphasis in the capital markets, and the banks' own marketing efforts, switch to the new bond issues planned.

Provident funds: Will experience their annual boom in March, based on tax considerations. It is unlikely that the underlying trend of large net redemptions will be reversed.

Mutual funds: Share and mixed mutual funds are already attracting large funds. Non-speculative investors will probably use these as a vehicle for short-term profits, bypassing the market.

Black market: No revival likely here. In fact the prospect is for sales of black dollars to finance share investments. Once again, though, if devaluation-fever picks up, the black market will be the first and best indicator.

A sorrowful farewell to Ata

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Dismissed Ata workers, filed into the Kiyat Ata factory Sunday for what for most of them would be the last time.

They began arriving at 7 a.m. to sign documents for the release of severance pay and for retirement benefits - an act signifying the end of their careers with the one-time giant of Israel's textile industry.

The influx of people gave the fleeting impression that the plant had miraculously been restored to life. But the illusion was shattered by the depressing sight of the rows of machinery standing idle and the words of the workers themselves describing the day as the "blackest and saddest" in their working lives.

The glum expressions on the faces of those waiting patiently in line for their papers summed up the atmosphere more poignantly perhaps than any words.

Despite the preoccupation with the question uppermost in their minds "how much will I get," many of the workers could not let the moment pass without making a comment about their fate and that of the company.

"I never thought in my worst nightmares that this day would come," said veteran worker Benny Needham, a member of the Ata works committee. "All we fought for in the long months after Eisenberg decided to sell Ata has come to nothing. The factory is dead and we are leaving," he said.

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FINANCIAL DATA: EUROPE, U.S.

Israel Money Markets February 25, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.75% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	20.2	6-18%	7-17%	6-18%
HAPOALIM	20.2	6-18%	13-17%	13-17%
DISCOUNT	20.2	10-18%	10-18%	12-18%
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-19%	12-20%	12-18%
FRST INT'L	20.2	8-18%	8-18%	8-18%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapes: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH - FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of February 25)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	7.375	7.375	7.500
SGD	11.025	11.250	11.125
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.250	3.250	3.250
YEN	4.500	4.250	4.250

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4688	1.4672	1.4788
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.1885	2.2159	2.2089
GERMANY	MARK	.6522	.6604	.6556
FRANCE	FRANC	.2119	.2145	.2133
HOLLAND	GULDEN	.5759	.5831	.5797
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	.7784	.7881	.7738
SWEDEN	KRONA	.2036	.2081	.2050
NORWAY	KRONE	.2078	.2104	.2092
DENMARK	KRONE	.1762	.1784	.1775
FINLAND	MARK	.2680	.2916	.2902
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0597	1.0730	1.0655
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0399	1.0529	1.0460
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	.7468	.7562	.7480
BELGIUM	FRANC	.3148	.3168	.31
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	.0288	.0304	.03
ITALY	LIRE	.00572	.00592	.00582
JAPAN	YEN	.0093	.0094	.0092
JORDAN	DINAR	4.04	4.29	4.0002
EGYPT	POUND	.80	.85	.8688

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European Financial Markets

Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	351.40	P.M. FIX	352.40
SILVER:	PARIS	NOON FIX	354.04	ZURICH P.M.	354.25
PLATINUM:	LONDON	FIX	615.80		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	423.50		
		P.M.	112.75		

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

Forward Rates	SPOT	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
POUND STERLING	1.4825/35	151/146	264/259	465/450
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2525/35	184/179	368/358	747/727
SWISS FRANC	1.8885/00	181/176	359/349	730/700
DUTCH GULDEN	2.5480/05	132/127	265/255	550/530
FRENCH FRANC	6.9200/50	1150/1150	2500/2500	5900/5900
JAPANESE YEN	181.40/50	94/79	180/180	393/373
ITALIAN LIRA	1532.5/4.0	350/350	650/700	1080/1180
BELGIAN FRANC	46.13/18	24/29	32/47	45/60
HONGKONG DOLLAR	7.8020/50	255/225	505/465	1050/700
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.5055/75	96/55	87/67	130/100
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.2815/25	125/132	198/203	270/255
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.7010/20	172/157	307/302	520/510
SWEDISH KRONA	7.1250/00	635/685	1140/1240	1865/2030
NORWEGIAN KRONE	7.0450/00	870/820	1820/1900	3625/3750
DANISH KRONE	8.3225/75	-29/+75	-10/+40	50/350

Formula for determining forward rates:
High/Low (eg. 220/210) - deduct from spot price.
Low/High (eg. 210/220) - add to spot price.

ISRAELI STOCKS Traded in New York:

NYSE and ASE

NYSE and ASE	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	-	1%	-	-	-
Am Int'l Pap	9%	9%	9%	9%	28
Amigal	-	-	-	-	-
Electrol	2%	2%	3	2%	285
Ez Levud	12%	11%	12%	11%	65
Laser Inds	12%	13%	13%	12%	275

Over the counter

Over the counter	last	bid	ask	last	bid	ask
Bank Leumi	20	20	22	Interpharm	-	4 1/2
Bank Leumi	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Optrotech	4 1/2	4 1/2
ECI Tel	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Rada	10 1/2	10 1/2
Elron	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Sotex	8 1/2	8 1/2
Fibronics	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	Taro-vit	3 1/2	3 1/2
IDB Bank	-	48	50	Tevapharm	3 1/2	3 1/2
IIS	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	SPI	6 1/2	7 1/2

New York Financial Markets
WALL STREET Closing Prices

Dow Jones Indices	1,692.55	-5.73	NYSE Highest Volume	18 1/2	unch
IND	780.39	-12.58	U CARB W	8 1/2	+ 1/2
TRANS	184.85	-0.88	EAST AIR	5 1/2	+ 1/2
UTILS	128.93	-0.27	EAST KODAK	27	+ 1/2
NYSE COMP	354.88	-0.60	OXY PETE	10 1/2	+ 1/2
NASDAQ COMP	215.38	-0.55	PHILIPS PE	30	+ 1/2
S-P 100 INDEX	225.79	-0.55	MOBI	22 1/2	unch
S-COMP	252.42	+2.89	US STEEL	29 1/2	+ 1/2
AMEX INDEX	-	-	ATT	29 1/2	+ 1/2
			TEXACO	49 1/2	- 1/2
			AMR CORP	-	-

Statistics

NYSE	VOL 147,012,580	STOCKS UP 757	DOWN 875
NASDAQ	VOL 127,861,200	STOCKS UP 1080	DOWN 949

Comment

WALL STREET STOCKS TRIM LOSS FURTHER - Stock prices recovered further but remained lower for the day, as investors took heart from the first tumble of spot crude oil prices this week, traders said.

U.S. Money Rates
Primes 9.50%; Broker 8.75%; NY Euros 3 months. 7 1/2%; Fed Funds last 7 1/2%

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
YESTERDAY'S CLOSING	2.2610/20	1.8905/25	1.4825/35	181.25/35	1.3870/75
OPENING	2.2480/90	1.8810/20	1.4840/50	180.50/00	1.3865/90
LATEST	2.2500/10	1.8900/20	1.4850/60	181.15/30	1.3944/49

Comment

DOLLAR RISES MORE IN NEW YORK - FEB. 25
The dollar posted still slighter gains on shortcovering after bottoming out at 2.2350 marks, but sentiment remained bearish after Fed Vice-Chairman Martin's comment Monday that another 10 pct drop in the dollar would be no cause for alarm. Also, marginally higher short term U.S. interest rates in the public credit markets supported the dollar.

Overseas financial data - from Reuters exclusively to The Jerusalem Post.

Ata Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:	Turnovers:	4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
General Share Index	104.23 +0.95%	Shares-total	80% linked
Non-Bank Index	115.02 +2.60%	Arrangement	Stable
Arrangement	99.36 +0.10%	Non-bank	Double-linked
Insurance	122.88 +4.32%	Bonds-total	Dollar-linked
Commercial Services	111.11 +1.74%	Index-linked	Admon
Real Estate	133.04 +4.08%	Dollar-linked	Rimon
Industrials	110.53 +2.03%	Treasury Bills	Gilboa
Textiles	128.67 +1.80%		For. Curr.
Metals	107.54 +3.02%		denominated
Electronics	95.40 +1.22%		Treasury Bills
Chemicals	108.50 +1.85%		(monthly yield)
Industrial Invst.	119.30 +3.51%		
Investment Cos.	121.93 +3.66%		
General Bond Index	97.73 +0.11%		
Index-linked Bonds	98.14 +0.29%		
Fully-linked	98.48 +0.40%		
Partially-linked	97.30 +0.22%		
Dollar-linked Bonds	95.84 -0.57%		
Short-term 0-2 yrs	97.83 +0.03%		
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	98.01 +0.11%		
Long-term 5+ yrs	95.59 +0.23%		

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%	Trade & Services	Price	Volume	%
General Share Index	104.23	200	+0.95%	Mair Ems	3565	56	+4.4
Non-Bank Index	115.02	86	+2.60%	Supersol 2	no trading	-	-
Arrangement	99.36	10	+0.10%	Delek r	4075	3295	+3.8
Insurance	122.88	87	+4.32%	Lighterage	7110	87	+1.4
Commercial Services	111.11	25	+1.74%	Cold Storage	745	515	+2.8
Real Estate	133.04	49	+4.08%	Dan Hotels	3540	25	-
Industrials	110.53	135	+2.03%	Yarden Hotel	2100	49	-
Textiles	128.67	19	+1.80%	Hilton 1	7992	135	+10.0
Metals	107.54	8	+3.02%	Team 1	1730	195	-
Electronics	95.40	19	+1.22%				
Chemicals	108.50	6	+1.85%				
Industrial Invst.	119.30	29	+3.51%				
Investment Cos.	121.93	8	+3.66%				
General Bond Index	97.73	128	+0.11%				
Index-linked Bonds	98.14	37	+0.29%				
Fully-linked	98.48	121	+0.40%				
Partially-linked	97.30	44	+0.22%				
Dollar-linked Bonds	95.84	-	-0.57%				
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Long-term 5+ yrs	95.59	-	+0.23%				

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The PLO syndrome

"If GRANDMA had wheels, she would be a bicycle," the late Golda Meir would say in response to queries about her government's possible attitude to the PLO's possible renunciation of terrorism and endorsement of a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute. The late prime minister did not need to spell out her meaning: the PLO, as constituted under its infamous Covenant, is a murderous gang dedicated to the extermination of the Jewish state. If it turned pacific, it would no longer be the PLO.

But it was pointless to speculate about what would happen then. For a leopard might just as easily be expected to change its spots.

The question of "what if" would not, however, easily go away. A decade ago, in fact, the government of Yitzhak Rabin extracted from the U.S. a commitment to the effect that it would not recognize nor negotiate with the PLO unless and until that organization first acknowledged Israel's right to exist and endorsed Resolutions 242 and 338. Israel did not for its part undertake to follow the U.S. lead if the unexpected did happen, but the possibility of a PLO change of heart, however remote, plainly could not be utterly dismissed.

Under the trauma of the 1973 Yom Kippur War a body of opinion began forming which advocated an Israeli avowal of readiness to negotiate peace with any Arab party that accepted Israel's legitimacy. The "Yariv-Shemtov formula" never became official policy, but it indicated which way the wind might be blowing. If grandma did, miraculously, sprout wheels—well, then, she would be a bicycle.

Last week King Hussein made it official that she had not done so. At least not yet. After spending what he described as a "gruelling year" in an effort to snare the PLO into political respectability, Hussein confessed to total failure, and broke off relations with Yasser Arafat, at least for now. He did not formally withdraw his recognition of the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative" of the Palestinians. But in an interview with *The New York Times* a few days later he suggested that the Palestinians might usefully set up an alternative "apparatus" to the PLO through which to express their wishes.

The king might arguably have only intended to put pressure on the impotent "mainstream" PLO leadership to cough up enough courage to face realities, and take what the Americans were prepared to offer them as the best they could get. Even so, the news from Amman deserved to be greeted with open satisfaction in Jerusalem.

They were not so greeted in the Likud-controlled Foreign Ministry, however. What impressed the Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and greatly distressed him, was Hussein's disclosure in his television address that on January 25 the U.S. had offered not only to negotiate with the PLO but, in effect, to sanction its participation in an international conference on the Middle East—provided it publicly accepted 242 and 338, announced readiness to discuss peace with Israel and renounced terrorism. (Recognition of Israel had recently been dropped as redundant, while the condition of non-violence had been added on by the Congress.)

Mr. Shamir was scandalized because, so he instructed Ambassador Meir Rosenne to inform the State Department, the offer had violated an old-standing American guarantee of an Israeli veto on any addition to the list of participants at the 1973 Geneva conference, which the PLO had not even sought to attend.

There is good reason to believe that Washington had done nothing of the sort, and that this was not the true cause of Mr. Shamir's uneasiness. The foreign minister aired his true sentiments after hearing assurances by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering that his government's policy on the PLO remained unchanged: Israel's—by which Mr. Shamir meant the Likud's—policy on the PLO was also unchanged, and it rested on a refusal to have any truck, under any circumstances, with the PLO no matter what shape or manner or form it took on.

That refusal, it may be assumed, would extend to any Palestinian group claiming for the Palestinians in the territories rights of peoplehood that go beyond a fake autonomy under Israel's sovereignty. But that sort of rejectionism is not, or in any case should not, be identified with Israel as such, and the prime minister should lose no time making it clear.

If the leopard—to change the metaphor—does change its spots, it will warrant another close look.

CRISIS COOLS

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ket. Most of the bonds issues will be reserved for industry, tourism and agriculture, the officials said. The Investment Centre is to be charged with recommending which firms are to be allowed to issue bonds.

Sources in the banking system yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Bank of Israel would have to bring down interest rates considerably in the near future if it wanted private firms to be able to raise the

proposed sums. The sources said that the public would only buy the firms' bonds if they were to offer yields competitive with alternative investments.

The monetary injection and the drop in interest rates are expected to boost economic activity, which is already showing signs of recovery from the mini-recession of the second half of 1985. Government sources say unemployment has recently dropped to about 5.5 per cent, from 7 per cent in previous months.

REJOICING

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and observe sobriety for the sake of our country.

This referred to the thousands of people who had broken into the presidential palace and begun looting it. Eyewitnesses said they saw one person lying dead in the downstairs lobby as mobs rampaged through the compound of buildings from which Marcos had ruled for 20 years.

At least 12 people were shot dead yesterday in Manila. Eight people, including a policeman, were killed during a raid on a police station in Makati, the financial district of Manila.

Four men were killed in shooting at Channel-9 television station, controlled by Marcos supporters.

Despite pledges earlier yesterday to remain in power, Marcos fled in such haste that newsmen found a half-eaten meal on a table in the main hall of the presidential palace and notes still lying on the desk in Marcos' study.

Soon after the president was whisked away, a crowd estimated by reporters at 20,000 strong swept into the grounds of Malacanang, unopposed by guards.

They rampaged through the building, pulling down pictures of Marcos and Imelda, tipping over tables and chairs and smashing down doors.

They swept through the offices like a human cyclone, ransacking desks and strewn papers every-

where. Outside they swarmed over three abandoned tanks and armoured troop carriers, chanting "Cory! Cory!"

On the streets of Manila people hugged and kissed each other and burned tires to celebrate Marcos' flight, greeting each other with "Happy new year."

Fidel Ramos and Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, long a close associate of the president, led the military revolt at the weekend.

Ramos, now the army chief, said there was a report that Gen. Fabian Ver, Marcos' top military commander, "left by executive jet for an unknown destination." Ver was acquitted in the assassination of Aquino's husband, along with 24 other soldiers and a civilian, after a lengthy and controversial trial.

At his inauguration ceremony, Marcos did not sound like a man about to quit. "We will overcome these obstacles," he told supporters gathered at the palace. "We will advance for the future."

But the television broadcast of the ceremony was cut short, apparently by rebels.

Aquino said at her oath-taking that her administration would be dedicated to "morality and decency in government, freedom and democracy."

Her ceremony was held at a country club ringed by soldiers who had rallied to the insurgency. (Reuter, AP)

WHEN PRESIDENT Reagan proposed the idea of strategic missile defence in his "Star Wars" speech of March 23, 1983, he insisted on the moral superiority of this strategy. He presented a vision of a secure America, of a nation that would base its security not on threats of massive nuclear retaliation, but on its ability to intercept and to destroy enemy ballistic missiles before they hit American soil. "Wouldn't it be better," he asked, "to save lives than to avenge them?" After all, is there anything more moral than the basic right of a nation to self-defence and anything less moral than a retaliatory system based on the threat of total annihilation?

The ultimate goal of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), Reagan asserted, is to create a "defence shield" over the entire U.S., which, once completed, would make existing offensive weapons systems "obsolete and impotent." In so saying, Reagan seems to have adopted the view of the critics of nuclear weapons that the very regime of nuclear deterrence is immoral.

There is no question that SDI, even as only a research programme (which is how the U.S. administration defines it), signifies a radical turning point in American nuclear weapons policies. This is the first time that an American president has not only publicly conceded that something is morally wrong with the present regime of nuclear deterrence, but also proposed a technological alternative to it. Strange as that may sound, Reagan seems to be aligning himself with the most zealous of "nuclear idealists," who urge a future free of nuclear weapons.

But is all this moral rhetoric that so frequently underpins the public sale of Star Wars really justified? Does Reagan's initiative signify a genuine effort to abandon nuclear deterrence in favor of a sane and moral policy based on the rejection of nuclear weapons? Or is it, as its critics charged, a dangerous effort, cynical and highly expensive, to reach a one-sided technological breakthrough in the deadly arms race, in the vain hope of attaining military superiority?

THE IDEA that the emergence of nuclear weapons necessitates radical changes in world politics already appealed to a number of atomic scientists at the dawn of the nuclear age. Nuclear weapons, these atomic pioneers felt, are incompatible with the Hobbesian scheme of international relations. As long as international relations are based on national sovereignty, there is always the danger that nuclear weapons will be used and that what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki will happen again.

The moral force behind this demand to restructure the international order before it is too late derives from a clear recognition of four emergent facts of the nuclear era. First, the devastating power of nuclear weapons almost automatically makes them indiscriminating weapons and thus utterly incompatible with the Western tradition of placing moral restrictions on war (the just-war tradition). Second, nuclear weapons technology cannot long be kept the secret of any one state. Third, the technical capacity for producing nuclear arsenals is relatively inexpensive and creates dangerous apocalyptic potential. Finally, an effective defence against a nuclear strike is ultimately impossible.

This understanding of the fundamental facts of the nuclear age has led many minds to the pessimistic conclusion that continued reliance on the principle of sovereignty will inevitably bring about an unrestricted nuclear arms race. It is, therefore, no wonder that many of those who had warned against the danger of nuclear weapons were also in the forefront of the search for a new political apparatus that would end

Star Wars: the moral objection

AVNER COHEN

force strict international control over nuclear weapons.

Niels Bohr was one of those who expressed these concerns. Although he joined the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb, Bohr did not cease to urge that the nuclear secret should be shared with the Soviet Union before the bomb was tested or at least before the end of the war. He argued that nuclear weapons should not remain in the hands of national authorities and that a supra-national body should be established to take possession and control of nuclear material even prior to its being used in testing.

Niels Bohr understood what politicians find very hard to understand to this very day: that the right time for making global security arrangements is before either side reaches a technological breakthrough. While nations might be willing to negotiate nuclear weapons in the early stages of research, they would be far more reluctant to bring fully developed weapons to the bargaining table. This understanding is as valid for Star Wars as it was for the first atom bomb.

proposed by the British and the French. This time the Russians seemed to agree, while the Americans came up with conditions that made the proposal impractical. It was the middle of the Cold War and the atmosphere was very different from that in 1946. Nato had already decided to base its defence policy on tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, and Dulles had initiated his harsh anti-communist policy of Massive Retaliation in response to potential communist aggression. The integration of nuclear weapons into all aspects of American foreign and defence policy made nuclear disarmament totally unrealistic.

With no agreement as to how to contain the nuclear arms race, all the foreseen facts of the nuclear era have become reality. By the end of the fifties the limited number of small-yield atomic devices possessed by the superpowers in the late Forties had grown into huge arsenals. The development of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the Sixties gave strategic priority to offense over defence. And the advent of MIRV technology in the Seventies has

'The extension of the arms race into space is one more demonstration of the "schizophrenic" nature of the nuclear predicament'

IN THE first years after Hiroshima, there was a genuine political attempt to translate the widespread moral revulsion about the bomb then current into a political apparatus for the control of nuclear weapons.

Both the Acheson-Lilienthal report and the subsequent Baruch Plan, which were presented to President Truman in 1946, called for the establishment of a supra-national authority to control all nuclear activity that might have military application. The fundamental idea was as extraordinary as it was simple: to transfer the whole subject of nuclear weapons from the control of sovereign states to an autonomous, supra-national authority, as the first step in total nuclear disarmament. Stalin, who was appalled by the very notion of foreign supervision in the Soviet Union, rejected the proposal as a violation of his country's sovereignty. He demanded that the U.S. disarm first, and only then would he agree to the establishment of a supra-national authority. By 1949, after the Russians had exploded their own bomb and the U.S. had responded by developing the "super bomb," the idea of internationally supervised nuclear disarmament had become a utopian dream.

The year 1955, by which time both superpowers had the hydrogen bomb, was perhaps the last year in which the idea of nuclear disarmament was discussed in an international political forum. The idea was

made the possibility of a preemptive nuclear strike during intense crisis seem even more tempting.

Perhaps the main lesson of the nuclear age is that the moral aversion towards nuclear weapons has not been translated into a new world order. Since no magic formula for nuclear disarmament has been found, that goal has been substituted by the more modest one of arms control. The idea of nuclear disarmament has become synonymous with utopia and abandoned by the notion of balance of terror. The idea of Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD), which had emerged in the early Sixties on, represents the new realism of the nuclear age.

Although few people are happy with this nuclear situation, it is widely regarded as an inevitable evil with which one must learn to live. In the absence of feasible political alternatives to nuclear deterrence, the moral objections to it seem to lose much of their force. Those who did protest against the evil of nuclear deterrence seemed to be cut off from political reality. For, with no prospects for a new international order, all they could propose was unilateral disarmament, which was justly regarded as first-rate national irresponsibility.

GIVEN THIS historical perspective, we can evaluate the morality of the Star Wars programme. Based on Reagan's rhetoric, it seems a step

towards disarmament. Its declared aim is no other than to make nuclear weapons "useless and obsolete" and to use technology to restore legitimacy to the idea of defence in the nuclear age. SDI is being sold to the American public as a project that will defend the American people against the possibility of a Soviet nuclear attack. It is being presented as a technological means of doing away with the current posture of nuclear deterrence, and especially with its MAD elements. On the surface, Reagan seems to come very close to the opponents of nuclear weapons; only instead of pushing for radical political solutions which he considers utopian, he is hoping that space technology will succeed where politics has failed.

The problem with this grand project is that moral rhetoric is one thing and technological reality another. Although Reagan repeatedly emphasizes that the ultimate goal of the programme is the defence of the entire American nation—people, big cities, industry, and all—virtually no one believes that this is feasible in the foreseeable future. True, no-body doubts American capacity to develop an anti-ballistic technology which would defend "point" targets (such as ICBM silos, air bases, communications and command installations), but there is long way between this and the establishment of a defence shield over all of America. Not only would the cost of building such a shield exceed the limits of imagination, but it is not at all clear that this programme would ever be technically possible were the money available.

If the programme's defence rationale is to be convincing, its efficiency has to be total. A strike even by a small percentage of the nuclear warheads in existence today would be devastating. Then, the Soviets are bound to develop no less efficient, and certainly less expensive, countermeasures of their own. These countermeasures are likely to include a considerable increase in the number of offensive missiles, as well as extensive use of decoys, and either of these developments would make it close to impossible for Star Wars to fulfill its promise of total defence. At the same time, the system would certainly provide plenty of incentives for a preemptive strike on itself. And, last but not least, even if the technology could be developed to deliver the perfection required, no one would ever know it; for there is no way whatsoever of testing the system under real war conditions.

INDEED, BY now even the most enthusiastic supporters of Star Wars no longer believe that the project will make nuclear weapons "obsolete and impotent" or provide protection for the entire population, as Reagan claims. This means that Star Wars does not provide an alternative strategy to nuclear deterrence, but simply reinforces that deterrence by making it possible to defend its most sensitive installations. Even supporters of Star Wars openly concede this. Whatever the programme's original merits, by now any connection with the president's moral claim is merely incidental, and it certainly seems that the administration is cynically exploiting anti-nuclear sentiment for its own purposes.

The administration's extensive appeal to the right of self-defence, with all its positive moral connotations, is false and misleading. What constitutes self-defence is not the nature of the measures employed, but their purpose. If the Star Wars system protects and reinforces the present nuclear regime, which is first-strike oriented, then Star Wars is offensive, not defensive. And indeed, the Russians perceive SDI as a system designed to keep America in the lead in the arms race and as a programme that is particularly menacing because of the sense of partial protection it may provide any potential aggressor.

The supporters of the programme claim that even partial defence plays an important role in reinforcing deterrence stability and in preventing nuclear war. The problem with this argument is that it is not at all clear whether a partial anti-ballistic defence system would reinforce deterrence or weaken it. It can well be argued that without a very significant reduction in the number and size of nuclear weapons—a reduction that the project will render much more difficult, it not impossible—the Star Wars system will only decrease crisis stability by providing incentives for being the first to use nuclear weapons. The system has much

better chance of being effective against a possible second strike once the first strike has already been made by the side that has the system. One of the most disturbing problems of the SDI is that so much about it is inevitably unknown. What are its actual technological capabilities? How will it effect the arms race and arms control negotiations? How much will it cost, both in terms of hard cash and the social projects it cannot help but push aside? These questions are underscored by the fact that the technologies involved have not yet been developed or tested. Some of these technologies are so far in the future as to belong to the realm of science fiction. As to the technologies that are likely to be put into effect in the near future, it is difficult to know whether they will contribute to strategic stability or dramatically undermine it. It is not surprising that even the staunchest supporters of the programme concede that the transition stage presents critical strategic risks.

NONETHELESS, SDI's supporters claim that all the public ado about the programme is premature. In its present form, they maintain, the project does not include the operation, testing or stationing of new weapons systems, but is simply a research programme designed to determine the practicality of the president's technological vision. This claim, too, is false and misleading. The commitment to carry out research on the huge scale implied with full public funding is not a trivial commitment. Obviously, the programme will result in "something."

The moral question that must be asked is whether the public interest requires the development of that "something" at public expense or whether the sense of security that the programme is supposed to provide should be sought in bilateral agreements restricting nuclear weapons. One has to be naive to believe that after an investment of about \$30 billion in research, the project could then be discarded as useless and destructive. On the contrary, if the research and development of the project continues without our reaching an early agreement with the Russians to limit its scope, it will drastically undermine all existing arms control agreements, which, although far from perfect, are still central to the existing nuclear regime.

THE EXTENSION of the arms race into space is one more demonstration of the "schizophrenic" nature of the nuclear predicament. On the one hand, everyone pays lip service to the idea that no side can possibly win a nuclear war, that such a war must be avoided at all costs, and that Hiroshima and Nagasaki must never happen again. On the other hand, everyone knows that nothing of substance has changed in international politics. Nations continue to compete for military superiority. The very fact that this military space project bears two names—Strategic Defense Initiative and Star Wars—emphasizes its schizophrenic equivocation.

One should again recall what Niels Bohr foresaw so clearly back in 1944. The technological breakthroughs may turn out to be a curse rather than a blessing. They complicate the possibility of collective cooperation in global security arrangements. They foster hopes and illusions of superiority. And they perpetuate outdated modes of thinking, which ought to be abandoned.

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READERS' LETTERS

PLIGHT OF NURSES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir—I would like to congratulate you on the new look of *The Jerusalem Post*. I was also impressed by Judy Siegel-Itzkovich's articulate and accurate description in the weekend magazine of the plight of nurses in Israel.

As a registered nurse with nine years of experience both in Israel and America, I can honestly say I have never read so intelligent, realistic and sensitive treatment of the truly awful situation of nursing here in Israel. I no longer work as a nurse except in the army, for the reasons outlined in Mrs. Siegel-Itzkovich's article. I almost had the impression that a nurse had written it. Jerusalem. KENNETH S. BESIG

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whose responsibility it is to watch over public safety.

The hall has not yet opened officially, and there is still time to remove a number of rows of seats to provide one, or even better, two gangways. The sacrifice of a small percentage of the seating capacity is a reasonable price to pay for a clean conscience.

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